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Cafeteria food 'bugs' students

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
ASSISTANT EDITOR

It started out as a typical day for Martin Smets. He was working in the BioMechanics lab as usual when he started to get a little hungry. This time, however, he didn't have any food with him, so he decided to grab a bite to eat.

"I'm not really a big fan of the cafeteria food ever," he said, but confessed that on this day, he broke down and decided satiating his hunger was more important than his personal views on the cafeteria. He made his way down to food services, where he picked up a sandwich and a V8.

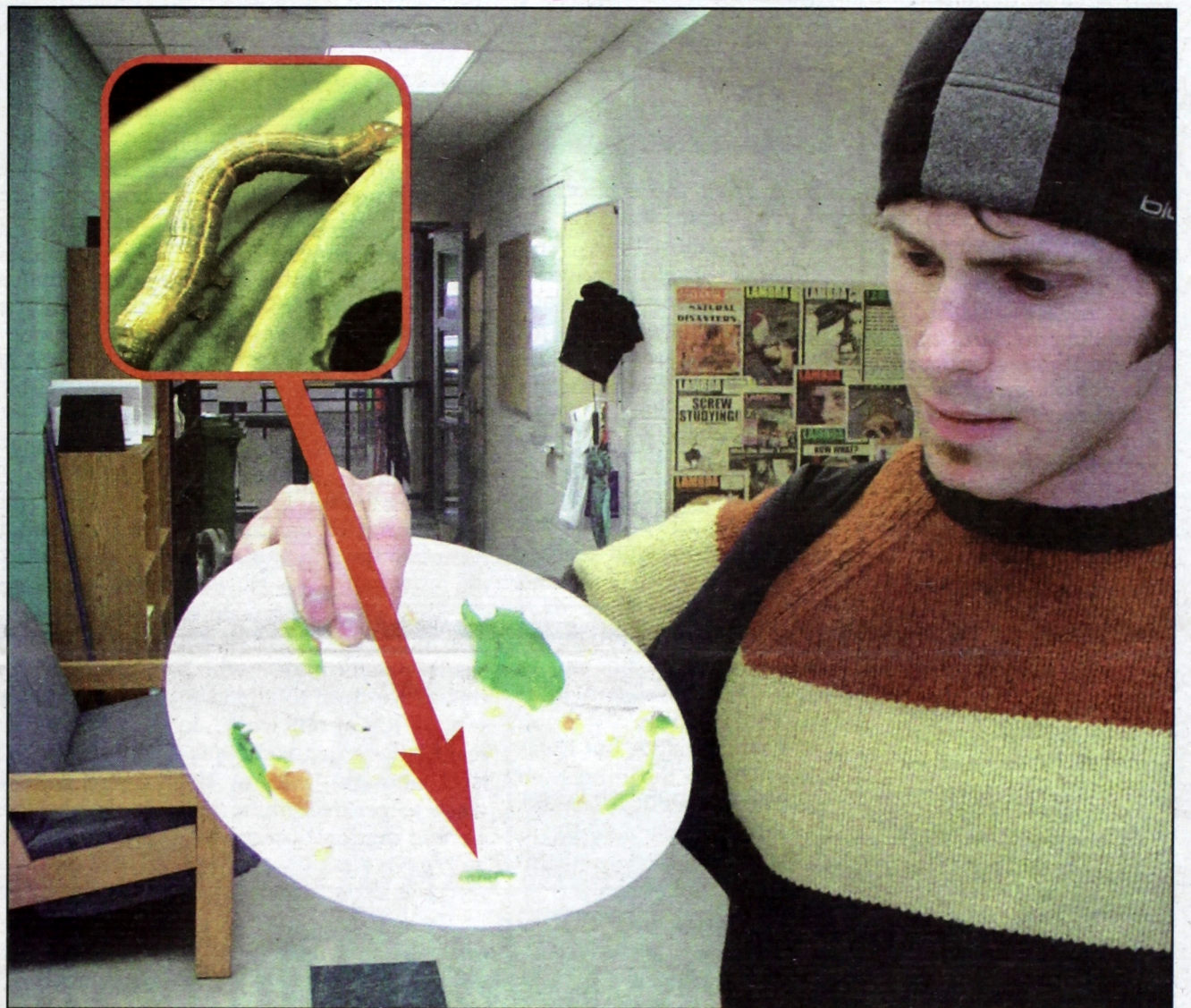
"I take one bite of my sandwich and falling from my lip was this big, fat, green, inch-and-a-half long grub," Smets said. He was, in a word, "disgusted."

Smets went to manager Pierre Bourgoïn, whom he characterized as being nice about the whole situation, and was refunded his money.

"They were very apologetic," he said. Bourgoïn explained to him that the lettuce comes pre-washed and packaged.

"It wasn't their fault necessarily," Smets said. "The people who work there are very nice."

Nonetheless, Smets said he has always had issues with the cafeteria. One of his major concerns is that it costs so much more to purchase healthy food than it does to buy something unhealthy. He pointed out that a lot of students that use the cafeteria are leaving home for the first time, so they subscribe to the meal plan.



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Martin Smets does not frequent the cafeteria often, but on his most recent visit to the cafeteria he received an "added extra" with his meal. Here he shows the plate from his sandwich, which was home to this "big, fat, green, inch-and-a-half long grub," believed to be a Cabbage Looper.

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Aqua Vees ranked sixth in country after meet

BY KRIS HARRIS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Laurentian Aqua Vees men's and women's swimming teams hosted the OUA Eynon Divisional Championships on Nov. 20-21, and both teams made a big splash against their respective rivals. The men's team finished second at the six-team event, while the women's team grabbed third spot.

The men's finish saw them jump three spots in the CIS rankings; the Aqua Vees are currently ranked sixth in the country.

In total, Laurentian swimmers walked away with 11 gold medals at the championships: three on the women's side and eight on the men's. For the women's team, Stephanie Kuhn won the 200-m individual medley, Anna Lech took the gold in the 50-m butterfly, and Erin O'Neill finished first in the

200-m butterfly. Kuhn also took second place in both the 50-m freestyle and 50-m butterfly events.

For the men's team, four athletes combined for the eight gold medals. Marshall Bonner won three of them, including the 50-m freestyle, 50-m backstroke and 100-m backstroke. Willie Paul won both the 200-m freestyle and the 200-m butterfly events, and teammate Colin Jenkins won gold in both the 200-m individual medley and the 400-m freestyle events. Ryan Smith rounded out the golds for the Aqua Vees, earning one in the 400-m individual medley.

More importantly, six Laurentian swimmers swam CIS qualifying times at these divisional championships. Bonner, Paul, Jenkins, Smith, Kuhn and Lech will all be going to the national championships held in Edmonton in February.

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Jennifer Keck lecture series begins

BY BEN ROWE
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The late Jennifer Keck's family was on hand in the Fraser Auditorium to watch the inaugural guest speaker in the Jennifer Keck Lecture Series on Social Justice on Nov. 25 at 7 pm.

Keck, a professor in the School of Social Work at Laurentian from 1983 until her death in 2002, was a noted social activist who campaigned over the years for a variety of causes, primarily pertaining to women's issues.

Among the family members present were her father, husband, uncle and sister.

In her memory, her family, friends and colleagues have established a trust fund to support a series of lectures at

Laurentian University that will take place every two years, according to a press release from the school.

The first guest speaker in the series was Jane Doe, a teacher and writer who talked about rape and sexual abuse.

Doe garnered national attention in 1986, when she was the fifth victim of what the Toronto media dubbed the "balcony rapist." Her struggle, both to bring the perpetrator to trial and to challenge the Metro Toronto police on their handling of the events surrounding the serial rapist, was covered in detail by national press until 1998, when her civil suit finally ended with a verdict in her favour of \$220,000.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Dreaded tally of the missing days *The mandatory check on my attendance*



DEBBIE SAUVE

Well the end of the first semester is almost here. And although we are all undoubtedly looking forward to our time off over the holidays, it is also time to reflect on the time we have missed during the semester itself. Yes, that's right; it's time to tally your absences.

As I reflect on this though, I can't help but thinking about that teacher in high school that assured our class over and over again, that in university, there would be no one to 'hold your hand and force you to go to class.'

Call me naïve, but I was always under the impression that higher education was closer to independent learning, than to an environment

where Profs are breathing down your neck.

So, why does university policy support mandatory attendance then?

The Laurentian University Calendar states that "absences in excess of 20 per cent may jeopardize receipt of credit for the course." This is definitely where the fatal flaw of small class sizes becomes apparent: your teachers damn well notice when you are not there. Under these guidelines, this means that you are only afforded two absences from a once-a-week, three-hour session in the entire semester.

Sometimes time is a hard thing to manage, and the most simple solution is often to miss a class that you could catch up on with 15 minutes of reading, rather than attending the full three-hour session (not to mention the commute time, in and out of the university).

Most of us, who want to pass and keep our sanity, can easily determine which classes we need to attend to stay on top of our work. In reality, there just sometimes isn't enough time in the week to get everything you have to do done - and when

that's the case, something has to give.

I am a recent big advocate of taking personal time out for myself. I just have no desire to become a work-a-holic, and that means from time to time, I need a day off. In my opinion, the university should support the idea of personal time. Until they want to make education so affordable that part-time work is not necessary - I say, give us a break.

I am not saying that less hours of class should be scheduled; I am just saying that if I already paid for the course, and am completing all of its requirements, let me be. Everyone has a different style of learning, and attendance regulations should be flexible to all different types - including independent learners.

Furthermore, one aspect of the regulation that needs to be better explained is where it states, "If there are extenuating circumstances bearing upon a student's absence, the instructor should be notified."

What I want to know is, what criteria is used to define extenuating circumstances? Does it include the most real reasons like "I

more important things to do that day, like write a term paper that is due tomorrow," or how about, "I was just too tired."

Take note that this is coming from someone that, just last year, was a self-admitted over-achiever. I always did my homework, handed my assignments in on time, and attended all of my classes (rain, shine, or waste of time).

However, now that I am working so many hours a week putting together this quality publication, my time management regiment has changed.

So, to the teachers of Laurentian: trust that your students are aware of their priorities (I know many of you already do). And remember that sometimes (gasp), your class is not the most pressing thing we have going on at that moment in time.

Sincerely,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Who's watching who?

Reading Lambda's article "Are you being watched?" in a recent Lambda issue had me wondering. The article was making reference to the camera security system on campus. But does it work? There have been a couple of sultry characters on campus off and on for several years, and yet they never seem to get caught.

They move around campus willy, nilly with no apparent respect for people. If your back is turned and your lunch is left unguarded, it can disappear in a flash. If you leave your delicious donut on the picnic table there seems to be no qualms about helping themselves. There seems to be an adopted policy of living off the lamb, taking what they can get and to heck with the consequences.

Hygiene does not seem to matter to them either. They seem to go whenever the urge strikes them, and in the most dissatisfying places to the one who has to be at the wrong place at the wrong time. There are many incidents that can be written about, but this one stands out.

One year Frank, Peter and Vic from Physical Plant drove up to me in their service truck with a harrowing tale. They couldn't believe their eyes. The truck had stood idling in the loading bay. The cargo was on board and they

were waiting indoors for a late parcel. All of a sudden Peter saw movement near the truck, from the corner of his eye. He signaled his buddies. The guys watched in awe.

The yellow rope that had been loosely tied to the side of the vehicle was being undone. The loose knot was unraveled and the rope was stolen. This unnerving event occurred right before their eyes. The rope was gone for good. It was too quick. No point in contacting security.

These two characters can be negligent with their youngsters as well. They had five "younguns" with them last year, took care of them for awhile and then seemed to let them fend for themselves on campus. It was horrible. There were no social workers available because they were hard to find at any one time. They seemed to be able to move quickly and hide in the most unlikely places.

I am getting warmer however! One time I will catch them in the act of some unsultry behaviour, perhaps with the aid of a camera, and then the truth will be revealed. Those two ravens are not going to get the best of me.

Sincerely,

Chris Blomme

DON'T FORGET ABOUT LAMBDA OVER CHRISTMAS

Our first publication after the holidays is scheduled to hit newsstands on January 13, 2005.

Copy deadline for this issue is Friday January 7, 2005 by 4:00 pm.

If you have not written for Lambda yet, or even if you have - we encourage you to take the time off to write something for your student paper.

E-mail us anytime!!!

SPACE FOR RANT

Marijuana has power to enlighten



BY TIM PEPPIN
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EDMONTON (CUP) — Try as I might to be contentious, sometimes I'm obliged to write something that I feel will go over well with the majority of the student body. Not because I'm selling my literary soul in an effort to pander to your tastes, mind you, but simply because we both believe it's true.

Marijuana is long past due to be fully legalized. I'm not going to get into the original reasons why marijuana was criminalized, nor why it continues to be so, mostly because I don't know all that much about it

and am too lazy to conduct research. Whatever their reasons were though, the lawmakers got it wrong.

Now, undoubtedly, there are those of you reading whose stomachs have just tightened uncomfortably, whose anuses have snapped shut like so many startled clams, and who are on the verge of a thorough panty-bunching fret over the health, welfare, and mental stability of your fellow person, to say nothing of the fate of the universe. These are drugs we're talking about, so I sympathize.

Most drug use is, in my opinion, if not inimical to happiness, then at least representative of some undressed, underlying source of

unhappiness. Drug abuse often begins not because the influence of the drug is so immediately compelling, nor because the drug itself is so physically addictive, but because it offers very effective suppression of the subconscious awareness of these sources of unhappiness, and because it can be administered entirely at the discretion of the user. It offers tractable escape.

Not so with your old friend Mary Jane. I'm sure most marijuana smokers have experienced those painful moments of glaring introspection, where your own failings, hypocrisies and inadequacies are laid on the examining table. Marijuana, far from offering some sort of anaesthetized hallucinatory delirium or an illusion of invincibility or inexhaustible energy, simply offers a more accentuated and focused view of the world around us and inside us.

Carl Sagan, celebrated astronomer, writer and humanitarian, was an avid user and proponent of marijuana. For Carl, for me, and for everyone I know who appreciates marijuana, it's a portal to the most fascinating, vibrant and simple joys that life possesses: subtle nuances of form and colour in artwork; the intricate layers and fineries of good music; a refinement of the palette capable of discerning the delicate interplay and components of food; a feeling of brotherhood and communion among friends; a disposition towards compassion and tolerance; a closeness and wild intensity

in sex; and a heightening, re-evaluation and intensification of those same senses which are our constant window to the world.

However, it should not be pretended that marijuana has no drawbacks. Controlled studies have shown that it can impair one's ability to drive, especially when complemented with alcohol. It can accentuate paranoia for people with otherwise mild social anxiety. It can lead to unhealthy dietary choices, like chips and ice cream. In spite of these shortcomings, however, as a whole, and taken moderately, I believe it to be a beneficial substance.

I make no apologies for my use of marijuana, nor for promoting its use amongst others. The level of irrationality and hypocrisy surrounding North American drug policies has reached a ludicrous pitch. Step into the nearest hospital or pharmacy and observe the use of drugs, many of which have abominable side effects. Walk to the closest grocery store or coffee peddler and observe the steady stream of extremely obese customers filling their carts with caffeine-rich colas, or waiting irritably for their morning "fix." Walk to the closest bar and observe the effects of our culture's most accepted and legitimized drug use: belligerence, animosity, irrationality, violence, oblivion to even the strongest stimulation, a surreal circus of the most primal, undignified and transparent human motivations. Then look me in the eye and tell me marijuana is harmful.

I'll laugh in your face.

Desensitization and the returning vogue of lynching

BY PATRICK M. THIBEAULT
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

It was the twelfth of November and, in California, it was just another beautiful Friday. Spectators were amassed in the hundreds. When the home team finally won, the crowd roared; people could barely hold back their smiles and laughter. The only wrong thing about all of this is that people were cheering because Scott Peterson was found guilty of the murder of his wife and unborn child. For some reason, a possible death sentence for one man merited the cheer of hundreds of others. It's as if possible death sentences and court hearings had become a thing of fiction; a spectator sport in some way. After all, who doesn't enjoy a good lynching?

The day before this, on CBS, CSI was interrupted because some guy in the Middle-East had died. The public was enraged: "We don't care about the rest of the world," they wrote to CBS. "We want swabs and

DNA!" Lucky for them, the next day, Scott Peterson was persecuted with the help of DNA.

When one looks at these two events it's hard to see where people today draw the line between fact and fiction; or if they do at all. When people would rather watch some TV drama than know what's going on in the world, or when people cheer because some man might be sentenced to death, that line, in my opinion, is non-existent. It's as if we haven't evolved since the guillotine, the gallows, the firing squad and lynching were banned; as if we still long for that kind of public entertainment. And I'm sure that if they had been allowed, the people outside that California courthouse would have hung Scott Peterson from the highest tree. What this man did was wrong; but instead of simply saying "Justice has been made," they would rather see this man fry. It's simply barbaric.

If we consider that TV is

simply a means of communication, one wonders what can be in this communication for it to be so captivating that it has the power to completely detach a person from real life; and then it follows that we must consider what the effects are.

I'm almost positive that at least three quarters of the people cheering that day outside the courthouse had never seen Scott Peterson, or his wife for that matter, or had ever heard of them before the case was brought into court and into their living rooms. This court hearing was for them nothing more than fiction; if the same murders had happened on CSI, people would almost have felt the same.

It is obvious that fact affects more the sentiments, but to what degree? Can we really distinguish between fact and fiction? Who hasn't talked about something they've seen on TV as if they had been there themselves and personally knew everyone involved? Who wasn't friends with Friends?

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Students petition Aramark food services

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Unfortunately for them, it is the unhealthy food that is the most affordable.

"I think they should make it affordable for people to eat healthy," Smets said. "I don't think a lot of students understand what they are eating and what they are putting into their bodies."

Smets isn't the only student on campus who has concerns with the cafeteria. Rob Harniman and Alyson Norton have their own concerns, and in an effort to have something done about it, the pair have been circulating a petition on campus.

"The place is ridiculously priced for students. I think we deserve higher quality food," suggested Harniman. "I haven't heard any one at all say anything good about them."

Harniman said that, at \$20 a meal, he has gone through \$1,000 of his meal plan in only two months, and has had to start cooking for himself in order to save money. At \$5 a meal, the specials are decent, he confessed, but noted that choosing from the a la carte menu can get expensive. He noted that club sandwiches cost \$5.29 plus tax, and that is with lunchmeat instead of using real meat.

"The food is terrible," he said.

Furthermore, Harniman expressed concerns with the hours at the cafeteria. He pointed out that from Monday to Thursday, the cafeteria is only open from 8 am until 7 pm.

"A lot of people have night classes," he noted,

adding that he has had classes that ran from 8 am until 11 am, too long a stretch for him to go without being able to get food. On Fridays, he said, the cafeteria closes at 3 pm, and on weekends, the only cafeteria that remains open is the one in the SSR building, which many of the other students from elsewhere on campus have trouble getting into.

"I don't live in that residence," Harniman stated.

Harniman said that he has gone to the manager, as have several of his friends. They have even emailed Aramark's head office. However, he said none of their concerns have been addressed. He added that his emails were not even acknowledged.

"They pretty much have the monopoly on campus. They can do what they want," Harniman said. "We just want our voices heard."

With regard to the incident with Smets, Laurentian's Media Relations Officer, Paul de la Riva, said the issue is being dealt with.

"It was kind of a freak thing that shouldn't happen," he said. "They are taking this very seriously."

He explained that while Aramark receives the lettuce pre-washed and bagged, the cafeteria is now taking the extra step of rewashing its materials. He pointed out that the fact the grub in question survived the pre-washing and bagging process for the lettuce is a pretty remarkable story in itself.

As for student concerns with regards to the service at the cafeteria, de la Riva noted that the students do have some options. He explained that the students do have a representative of the Food Services Committee, Tannys Laughren, executive directors of the Students General Association, who can voice their concerns. He added that their concerns could also be raised through the Laurentian University Faculty Association (LUFA), which is headquartered on the second floor of the Parker Building.

The contract was awarded to Aramark a few years ago, de la Riva said, and since that time there have been a lot of upgrades to the service at the cafeteria. He pointed out that pizza hasn't always been on the menu.

"Things are a lot better than they were 20 years ago, but there are always ways to improve it too," he said.

With regards to the petition, de la Riva indicated that in order for it to become a real issue, a sizable percentage of the student population would have to sign it.

Despite the fact that Smets was disgusted by his experience with the cafeteria, he does get somewhat of a chuckle from the events that transpired.

"I think it was ironic because it was the one time that I broke down and went there," he said. "I think they should make it affordable for people to eat healthy. And no grubs."

Chiapas lecture and talk



Ben Rowe / LAMBDA

Activists Adam Squibb (left) and Chris Arsenault (right) are travelling across the country in this painted truck as members of STAC to promote entrepreneurial efforts by workers in Chiapas, Mexico. The two gave a presentation at Laurentian on Nov. 18th, followed by a slide show at the Sudbury Arts Council that night.

BY BEN ROWE

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The University had some visitors on Nov. 18 that talked about a plight facing people living over 4000 km away in Chiapas, Mexico.

The issue, however, is one that many people of a racial or ethnic minority can relate to: suppression of rights and fear of violence.

The struggle of Mexico's Zapatistas first came to light internationally on January 1st 1994, when a mostly indigenous army calling themselves the EZLN (Zapatista Army of National Liberation) rebelled against a government that they felt did not treat them justly or fairly. After approximately two weeks of intense warfare, a temporary cease-fire was negotiated, one that has been broken numerous times by the government. The EZLN, however, has not fired a shot since those initial weeks of 1994's rebellion.

The Zapatistas have since attempted to create developmental building blocks like hospitals, schools and employment opportunities that function outside of the Mexican system.

The desire for a peaceful solution expressed

by the EZLN and the perceived unfair treatment by the government has sparked international support in many forms, including financial aid and demonstrations. To aid in the cause, a group called Students Taking Action in Chiapas (STAC) has been sending volunteers, usually students, to participate in assistance efforts in the embattled region of southern Mexico.

The group paid a visit to the Sudbury area to further their cause. They stopped by LU for a lecture and talk at 12 pm, where they showcased some of the goods made by Zapatista workers, including boots made by Solidarity Boots, a Zapatista co-operative providing income for a poverty-stricken people. The boots are for sale in various places, with the proceeds going for community-building in the Chiapas region.

The group also ran a slide show and discussion the same night at the Sudbury Arts Council Space on Cedar Street.

For more information on the group or the boots, go to studentstakingactioninchiapas.blogspot.com or www.stacmexico.com/blackbootcooperative.

New access restrictions to apply for athletic centre change rooms

Effective Wednesday, December 1, access to the exterior change room doors and the gymnasium doors leading to the second floor at the Ben Avery Building will be restricted.

According to Ron Larwood, manager of the Physical Education facilities and Department of Active Living, magnetic controls will be installed on the exterior change room doors, as well as the gymnasium doors leading to the second floor. To enter or exit the building, those seeking access to the facilities will have to use the stairwell at the front of the building or the doors adjacent to the upper parking lot (lot number 14). Access will still be permitted for service personnel or anyone with a handicap.

Larwood noted anyone wishing to use the gymnasium will have to use the stairwells at the rear of the change rooms. Cellular phones and photographic devices will be prohibited in the swimming pool and locker room areas, and an electronic key will be required to enter the men's sauna. He added that indoor, non-marking, and appropriate footwear is required in the gymnasium, and automated shoe cleaners have been provided to further clean shoes.

Larwood indicated there are several reasons for the changes. Risk management is an issue, and the new changes will help to restrict each gender to their appropriate change rooms, help to reduce theft and damages, and protect personal privacy. The changes will also help to prevent unauthorized users from accessing the facilities, ensuring better protection for members and their property. It is anticipated the steps taken will also help to maintain clean change room floors, and help to avoid freezing the perimeter heaters, which in turn will result in warmer change rooms. Finally, these steps will also help to minimize damages to the gymnasium floor caused by water, dirt, sand, and salt.

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Rape victim speaks of social justice

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The primary issue for Doe, who shared her real name with the audience, was that the police knew about the rapist, his patterns and the type of women he attacked, yet they did not issue any public warning or statement about it. They used the women as "bait," Doe said.

In not warning the public about the existence of the serial rapist, the Toronto police helped validate two of the greatest myths when it comes to the presence of rapists, Doe told the audience. First, that "women would get hysterical," and second, that it would "cause the rapist to flee."

The speaker engaged the audience and challenged them to change their view of the justice system and to "get active and involved" in their communities in order to prevent sexual assaults.

Doe used her case as an example of how communities can help catch rapists. After her rape, the police "forbade" her from taking action or putting up posters or flyers "under threat of arrest," she said. However, according to Doe, she defied them and did just that. "Within 24 hours" the attacker was caught after a probation officer recognized

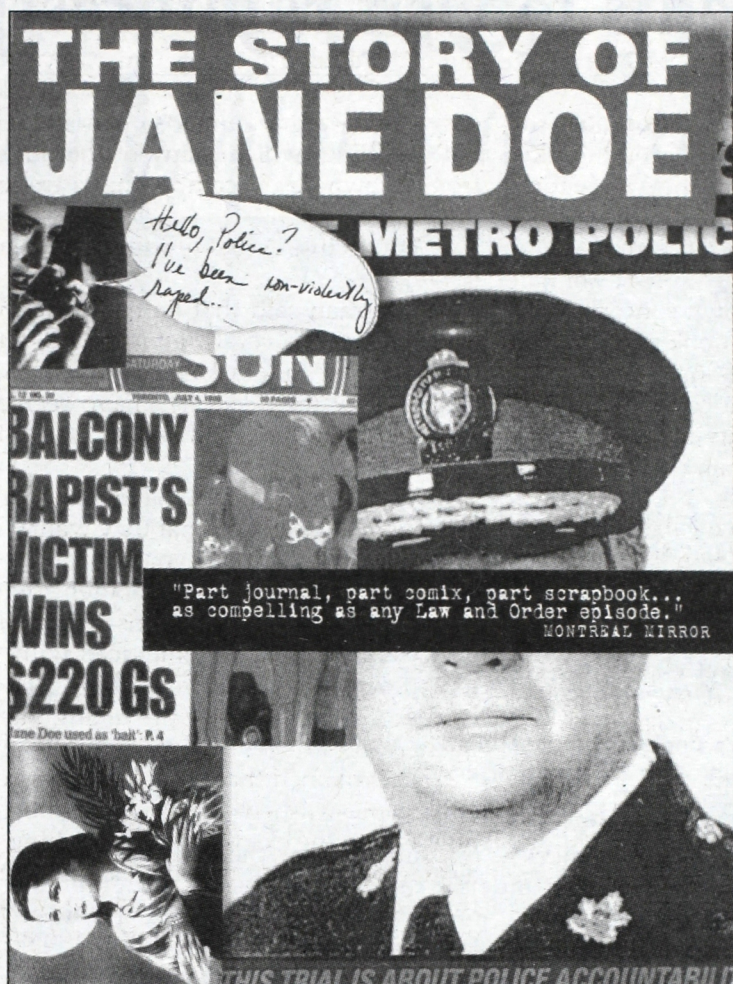
the artist's sketch of his client, Doe said.

Doe attacked the current justice system and questioned the validity of a court process that allows defendants in such cases to bring up not only the sexual history of the victim, but also the complete psychological background - including early childhood, experiences with boyfriends and sexual preference. The entire process meant that Doe was "diminished as a human being," she said.

The conviction rate of rape trials, Doe said, is "pitiful," and she brought out the statistics to prove it. According to Doe and Statistics Canada, there is a rape every 17 minutes in Ontario, one in four women is assaulted in their lifetime, and three women are murdered every month by their male partners.

The lecture also afforded Doe the opportunity to urge the audience members to question gender definitions and the differences between raising a male child and a female child, especially in regards to the level of fear daughters are taught and how their behaviour must be different from a son's due to the perceived "vulnerability" of their sex, Doe said.

Earlier in the day, two community presentations



Shown above is the cover of a recently published book, titled "The Story of Jane Doe: A Book About Rape."

were held in conjunction with the Keck Lecture Series: one to the Coalition for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and the other to the Social Planning Council of Sudbury. Doe met with about 40 local women who had been victims of abuse.

A student presentation took place the next day, Nov. 26, at the University of Sudbury. There was also a book launch for Doe's book detailing her experiences, "The Story of Jane Doe: A Book About Rape," at Black Cat Too on Durham Street.

Students call for the end of the Millennium Foundation

TORONTO- With the release of a new report from the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, students have renewed their call to wind down the beleaguered Foundation in favour of a national system of needs-based grants.

"It's time to wrap up this public relations gimmick and move on," said Jesse Greener, Ontario Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "Canada's students need a functioning system of grants, not window-dressing like the Millennium Scholarship Foundation."

The Foundation has been plagued from the start by widespread provincial misuse of scholarship dollars. In 1998, then Finance Minister Paul Martin promised that the Millennium Scholarships would reduce student debt by \$12,000 for high need students. In most provinces students are seeing little or no benefit at all.

More recently, the Foundation has embarked on an ideological research agenda, recruiting the assistance of an American-based think-tank known for downplaying the deterrent effects of high tuition fees. The Millennium Foundation has received widespread criticism from students, federal Opposition Members, the Auditor General and, in the fall of 2003, an external review of the Foundation's activities concluded that it was not improving access to post-secondary education.

"Canadians would be well-served if this dismal failure was converted to a program that actually helps students," concluded Greener.

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Angel Tree provides gifts for kids

BY NATALIE WALDBROOK
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

The Christmas season is a time for tradition and celebration with family and friends. Many of these traditions are honored by giving and receiving gifts between those we love.

Christmas is an especially exciting time for children, who spend months making wishes and compiling lists to Santa Claus in anticipation of Christmas morning when they discover their brightly wrapped gifts under the tree.

The holiday season is also a time to think of others, especially the children that are in need. For some less fortunate children, no matter how many lists they write or wishes they make, there will be very few gifts awaiting them on Christmas day.

The Angel Tree is a non-profit organization that works throughout the holiday season to provide for those children that are less fortunate than others. Christmas is a holiday that every child looks forward to and memories are built on, so the Angel Tree's goal is to ensure that every child is able to celebrate Christmas in a traditional and festive way despite their situation.

The organization has been part of the Laurentian University community for the past ten years and



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The Angel Tree, which is located in the Residence Office on campus, received enough sponsors this year for every child on the tree.

has been festively decorated in the Residence Office again this holiday season. The Children's Aid Society has provided names of children in need and these names were placed on the tree in hopes that someone in the Laurentian community would donate gifts to them.

During the past ten years since the Angel Tree began at Laurentian University, interest and generosity towards the program has grown enormously. This Christmas season, every child's name that appeared on the tree has been chosen and sponsored.

Thanks to those generous people that sponsored a child, many families that would otherwise be without gifts for their children, can now feel warm and satisfied with the Christmas their children will experience.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Angel Tree program and helped to make this a special Christmas for many children. If you would like more information on how to get involved with the Angel Tree, please contact Armande Martin at the Laurentian University Residence office at (705) 674-4787, ext. 4814.

CAMPUS NEWS

'Dunk Your Prof' event raises money for LU students to visit rainforest



Luke Norton / LAMBDA

Dr. Dougal McCreath of Laurentian's Engineering department was one of 14 professors and staff that were dunked as part of the 'Dunk Your Prof' fundraiser.

BY LUKE NORTON
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If you saw a rather purple-coloured man walking around campus last Thursday you can rest assured that the undead have not risen to pursue a higher education. The man was Dr. Dougal McCreath, and his purple colour was the result of a prank played on the Engineering professor by some of his students, which involved the use of purple dye during the 'Dunk Your Prof' event held in the Fraser lobby earlier that day.

The event was a fundraiser to help a class from Laurentian's Earth Sciences program visit the Corcovado National Park in Costa Rica, and to make a donation to the park's rangers, who are fighting a

battle against poachers.

"Many parks in the world today are under threat from poachers hunting plants and animals," says Dr. Ann Gallie, one of the dunkees and a professor whose class will be making the trip. "The donation will be going to support the park's ranger station by helping to fund the solar panels they need for power."

The event was well attended throughout its duration, a tribute in part no doubt to the varied selection of professors and Laurentian personnel who volunteered to act as targets for students and faculty alike. Professors from the Earth Sciences, Engineering, Biology, and Geography departments volunteered their bodies for dunking, as did a number of other people from depart-

ments such as the Registrar's office, the library, the VP Academic, and Anglophone Affairs. Even the President of Laurentian herself, Dr. Judith Woodsworth, showed up to get dunked.

"It's a very good cause that supports both the students and the rainforest," Dr. Woodsworth said, "its good for the university's spirit, and its good fun."

The last time this event was held, it managed to raise about \$2,000 dollars, and according to Dr. Gallie, this year's turnout was even better. The Laurentian students will be leaving for Costa Rica on February 8. To learn more about the problems facing Corcovado National Park and what you can do to help, please visit www.corcovadofoundation.org/.

BRIEFLY...

Laurentian University witnesses the growth of its forensic science program

On Nov. 23, Laurentian University celebrated the official opening of its Department of Forensic Science. This newly formed unit is now home to an expanded program that was originally housed in the Department of Biology. It has been operating as a stand-alone department within the Faculty of Science and Engineering since September 2004. The expanded program was approved by the LU Senate in March of this year. It was created as a result of the growing student demand and the maturation of forensic science as an academic discipline in Canada.

Laurentian employee to receive national award for his support of student refugees

Denis Lauzon, Manager of Student Life at Laurentian University, is this year's recipient of the 2004 World University Service of

Canada (WUSC) Citizen of the World Award. This prestigious award is presented annually by WUSC in recognition of a person's long-standing contributions to its Student Refugee Program and exceptional assistance to a WUSC local committee. Lauzon received the award on Nov. 13 during WUSC's 58th general annual meeting in Ottawa.

Laurentian commerce professors with national research prize

Two Laurentian University Commerce and Administration professors, well known for their research in small business, were honoured with a national research award during the 21st Annual Conference of the Canadian Council for Small Business & Entrepreneurship held in Regina, Saskatchewan, on November 11-13 (www.ccsbe.org/2004/index.htm). Dr. Rolland LeBrasseur and Prof. Terence J. Zinger received the best research paper award for their work entitled "Start-up Survival and Management Capability: A Longitudinal Study of Microenterprises." No less than 20 research papers from universities and agencies in Canada had been submitted.

Unofficial files kept on campus residents at a B.C. University

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VANCOUVER (CUP) — Students living in campus housing at universities aren't being told their residences keep unofficial files on them in online, searchable databases.

Hundreds of student advisors can access the files, but the students themselves are not allowed to see them for reasons ranging from residence policy to provincial privacy law.

"It's creepy," said Brian Richard, a resident of Place Vanier at UBC. "You should be able to see what's in the file."

Anyone who's lived in residence knows how residence discipline works: if you breach the contract you signed at the beginning of the year, you'll get written up with a formal report. Usually, repeat offenders see their report and face further punishment, like eviction.

But what they aren't told about are comments in the system drawn up by advisors about the student themselves — even if a formal incident hasn't happened.

Comments could range from, "This person has never been a good member of the floor," to, "Unfortunately I have to talk to this guy every other day about noise," said Fred Fotis, director of UBC's housing department.

Files also include records of disputes between residents not formally recorded. The UBC system, called eRez Admin, is online and lists students by name, floor and picture.

"Every office needs to compile information to be able to deal with students on an individual basis," said Fotis, adding students "should expect" this information to be there.

"We've always done that in paper form. The difference is that it's in electronic form now."

Over 100 advisors can write and access comments at the University of Alberta, said Darlene Lipinski, assistant director of residence administration.

The comments aren't just used for discipline, but also to help the student, she said.

With them, advisors can privately record and share the ways they help residents through sensitive issues like disabilities and mental health. Having more people see these records means only information important to the advisor's job is written, Lipinski said.

"The information is important to what we do," she said. "We have staff we have to trust know whatever's in the system is strictly for their benefit and nobody else's."

It's not illegal for a uni-

versity to collect information about its students without their knowledge, said Morag Wilmut of B.C.'s Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The law doesn't change when the files are transferred from paper to electronic copy, but the potential for abuse grows, she said.

With information accessible at any Internet terminal by any of over 100 advisors per university, and with students living with their advisors, "it's easier for the electronic copy to wander around," she said. "It's a ticking time bomb that could lead to breaches of privacy law."

When a student requests their information, they might find opinions and comments are private information of the person who wrote them — meaning the university could black out the information to protect the advisor.

Residences at the University of Victoria have a computer database, but advisors can't access it, said residence life co-ordinator Liisa Gibson. When an incident is filed, the advisor fills out a report and passes it to senior staff, who upload it to a database.

While an advisor has a logbook, no comments are uploaded either as a companion to incident reports or on the students themselves.

"We deal with documented behaviour," she said. "'Consistently noisy' isn't helpful, and to say to a student that he's consistently noisy doesn't provide them with the information they would need to improve."

About 200 universities worldwide and 20 universities in North America, including Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C., and St. Mary's University in Halifax, use an Australian-made computer database called StarRez.

The ability to make comments about everything from buildings to residents is built into the system, said StarRez vice-president David Meale. Who can access the data changes from university to university.

Alicia Wight, assistant director of residence at the University of Calgary, said only high-level staff can access the files, but their residences are moving away from using the comment system.

"You'll expect to find it less and less," she said.

After Canadian University Press's inquiries, Wight said the residence handbook would be amended to tell students comments could be made.

"We're changing our system," she said. "It will be in the handbook next year."

CAMPUS NEWS

A rose by any other name... *Laurentian researcher explores the role of roses*

BY ROBIN CROWDER
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

Roses are often seen as the internationally accepted symbol of beauty and love, and are prominent in literature and religion. However, we are not often exposed to them in the realm of science, which is what made Dr. Joe Shorthouse's lecture on Nov. 18 all the more interesting.

The guest lecture, entitled "For the Love of Roses" was held at the Sudbury Art Gallery as a part of Laurentian's Research Awareness Week.

Although many were somewhat sceptical at first, the hour-long event proved to be pleasantly surprising, educating and entertaining for attendees. Shorthouse, a professor in the Laurentian biology department since 1975, was an engaging speaker with many accomplishments under his belt. He has travelled to every province for his research on roses and the roles they play in our lives.

Last Thursday's lecture highlighted many of these findings and proposed, quite justly, that the wild rose could also be considered the symbol of Canada.

Biologically speaking,

there are over 100 genera of roses, with at least 15 different species in Canada. The domestic, double-petal rose that we commonly find in florists is actually bred from the five petal rose found in the wild. The rose is extremely hardy and tolerates very harsh conditions, like the Canadian winter, making it very prominent all over the country.

Interesting on the historical side, ancient Romans used to honour their victorious soldiers with a room full of fair maidens and rose petals falling from the ceilings, so many in fact that soldiers were often smothered to death. "Just my luck," remarked Shorthouse. "To survive war and return home to an orgy, only to be smothered by roses before the fun really began!"

In more modern times, roses still play an important role. The most expensive perfumes in the world derive their scents from roses, and a number of gastronomic delicacies contain roses, rose hip tea being one of the healthiest teas to drink.

In Canada, roses play an important role in the ecosystem providing food to animals, homes to insects and birds, and of course beauty



Shown above is a pink Rose Hip. This particular rose grows indiginously in Ontario and its buds can be used to make tea.

to the landscape. Alberta claims a breed of wild rose as its provincial flower, though ironically the flower they chose is not the one they wanted. The people chose a flower native to the prairies, but when it came down to naming it, the wrong one was picked and the province ended up with a rose that was once used as a cure for diarrhoea.

While these things are interesting, they are not real-

ly the scientific research that Shorthouse is focusing on. His studies involve a complex look at the role of gall-inducing insects, specifically tiny wasps, in relation to roses.

To touch on another out of the ordinary point, these insects actually have the capacity to reproduce without mating; instead, they choose a precise spot on the host rose to lay eggs. As the larva develops, they alter the

plant to form bulb-like homes for their growth, called galls, without harming the plant. Pretty intricate for such a tiny bug.

Shorthouse's summed up the event with his well-spoken final remark: For the beauty is not only in the rose, but also in the investigation and scientific discovery. That pretty much embodies Research Awareness Week, don't you think?

Greenpeace launches Kleenex boycott

BY LIAM CHURCHILL
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MONTREAL (CUP) — Just in time for the winter snuffle season, Greenpeace is asking you to think before you reach for the omnipresent box of Kleenex tissues.

After more than a year of nearly fruitless negotiations with Kimberly-Clark, the company that produces Kleenex-brand tissues, the environmental group has launched a "brand damage" campaign against the company and brand. Greenpeace is demanding the tissue manufacturer significantly increase its recycled-paper content within five years.

Richard Brooks, a forests campaigner with Greenpeace Canada, said the organization also hopes to pressure Kimberly-Clark to reduce the amount of pulp used from newly cut trees.

"Only about 19 per cent of the paper they use is recycled and over 80 per cent is virgin fibre," said Brooks.

Greenpeace is also concerned about the sources of Kimberly-Clark's wood, much of which comes from the boreal forests of Northern Ontario, Québec and Alberta, according to Brooks.

"These are the original forests that have been on the planet since the last ice age — in Canada



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The environmental group demands Kleenex manufacturer use more recycled paper in their products.

about 10,000 years," he said. "They are most important because they are the forests that wildlife has adapted to."

Brooks said Kimberly-Clark has one of the worst environmental records in the industry.

"We decided to target Kimberly-Clark because of their really low amount of recycled fibre and . . . also because they're the largest" tissue manufacturer, said Brooks.

He added while negotiations with Kimberly-Clark have been unsuccessful thus far, Greenpeace did succeed in winning some concessions from other tissue manufacturers.

"Some (tissue manufacturers) are bad and others are taking fairly progressive steps. . . . An example of a good guy is Cascades, the second-largest tissue manufacturer. . . . Ninety per cent of their tissues are recycled paper," said Brooks.

The environmentalist pointed out to alternatives to the popular Kleenex brand, such as Seventh Generation, which uses only recycled paper in its toilet paper, towels, napkins, tissues and other paper products.

"We're asking consumers to stop buying Kleenex-brand products — tissue, toilet paper, napkins — and to choose brands that are more sustainable," said Brooks. "We're also going to Kimberly-Clark's institutional customers and asking them to send a message to Kimberly-Clark."

Kimberly-Clark could not be reached for comment.

McGill University geography student Marc Gilbert was shocked to learn about Kimberly-Clark's practices.

"I think it's ridiculous and they have no excuse for not using recycled paper," he said.

CAMPUS NEWS

Board of Governors approves the building of a new student residence



BY LUKE NORTON
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The Laurentian Board of Governors approved a proposal last Friday that will see a new 240-bed student residence built and ready for Laurentian students by September 2006.

The new 240-bed residence to be built by September 2006 will be closely modelled on the pod-style apartments like the one shown above, located at Nipissing University.

The proposed location will have the new residence connected to SSR, and designed to extend along Ring Road to the main University road. The building will be approximately six or seven stories high, and will most likely be a combination of four bedroom and two bedroom units. The proposal suggested that a number of units be designed especially for special needs students.

The proposal also suggested that the new residence should have an elevator, a large hotel-

style lobby, and provide study and meeting rooms for student use. If the new residence is indeed attached to SSR, Student Street will be expanded so that students will not have to venture outside to access SSR's services. The proposal also suggested that SSR's food service area would have to be enlarged or enhanced to meet the increased student load. The new residence will either use Lot #7 for parking, or a new parking lot will be built towards the Parker Building.

The number of applications by returning students looking to return to Laurentian's residences jumped from 300 in 2002, to 450 this year. Of those 450, only 180 were allowed to return as increased first-year enrollment continues to create space shortages.

Another 200 to 350 students from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, English Teachers College, International students, and other areas are also expected to be vying for the new residence space.

Clothesline Project coming up

BY NATALIE WALDBROOK
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The Clothesline Project will be displayed in the Bowling Alley at Laurentian University on Monday Dec. 6 and Tuesday Dec. 7.

The Clothesline Project originally began over fourteen years ago, in October 1990 during a "Take Back the Night" rally in a small Massachusetts town.

The Cape Cod Women's Agenda displayed a clothesline of shirts across their village to bring awareness about violence against women and as the day progressed, women began to emerge with their own shirts displaying emotional and powerful messages against abuse.

These shirts were created by survivors of rape, assault, incest, and violence. The significance behind the shirts is to allow women to tell their story of abuse by expressing themselves with words and artwork.

The messages and artwork displayed on the shirts gave survivors a voice that broke the silence surrounding their abuse.

The objective of the Clothesline Project is to honor women survivors of violence and to give women a new voice to positively influence social change. The shirts are seen as a method to educate, heal, and to help women understand that they are not alone in their suffering.

Since the Clothesline Project began more than a decade ago, it has expanded to over 300 community Clothesline Projects nationally and 35,000 shirts created.

If you want to create a shirt for this year's Clothesline Project at Laurentian University, come to the Women's Center (L-221 Parker Building) or arrange a time by calling (705) 675-1151, ext. 1089 or by emailing womens_centre@laurentian.ca.

For more information on the Clothesline Project, go to <http://clotheslineproject.org/>



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Initiative underway to garner support for new athletics field house

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
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The idea of a new field house for athletics has been a dream of Ron Larwood and Peter Hellstrom for some time.

Larwood, Manager of the Department of Active Living's Physical Education Facilities, and Hellstrom, Chair of Athletics, have a concern with the adequacy of the current fitness space available to students, and they have a plan that, with student support, could become a reality.

"Our idea is the field house concept," Hellstrom explained. "It's kind of our dream."

"We can't expand, and things will stay the same unless we do something like this," Larwood noted. "I'm hoping there is a real interest (in this project)."

One of the issues associated with expanding, Hellstrom pointed out, was that in discussions with Larwood, the pair came to agree that there is not enough space for expansion within the existing facilities. The need to expand the facilities is due to the growth of the student population, which has risen to over 7,000, including both full-time and part-time students.

"I've been here for 10 years and enrolment has never been this high," Hellstrom noted.

Larwood pointed out that the number of students using the facility, outside of those enrolled in the Human Kinetics program, has grown as students in other programs are looking to use the facilities.

"The largest increase has been among women using the facility," he said. He noted there were already issues surrounding the amount of space in the men's change room, as the women's change room has always been the smaller of the two. Now, he said, there are space issues for both change rooms.

Supervision and liability is also an issue, Hellstrom pointed out. He noted that, with the current set-up, the cardio room is located downstairs in the Ben Avery Building, and the weight room is located upstairs.

"The old weight room is in a library. That's what it used to be," Larwood noted.

Part of the issue is that having these facilities located in different parts of the building makes it difficult to control access, and having people using the facilities without contributing to the costs results in a loss of revenue. There is also an issue surrounding liability as supervisors have to try to be in two places at one time.

Hellstrom suggested that using the field house model, the building would feature one large room, with smaller rooms within it separated by canvas walls, allowing for a cardio room and a weight room that could be easily monitored.

Another idea was to include an indoor track.

"The indoor track is big for the runner here," Hellstrom noted. "(Laurentian has) all kinds of running areas, but in December they are shut down."

Larwood added that there are a lot of runners on campus, but a lot of people who come to Laurentian from the southern climates are not accustomed to the Sudbury cold. He pointed out that it takes

time for people to adjust and learn how to dress for the climate.

To encourage even greater use of a new facility, Hellstrom indicated a multi-purpose floor, complete with gaming lines, could be incorporated. Another perk of this idea is that it could open up a lot more time for intramural and pick-up sports, in addition to the varsity sports. He noted some students don't like to become involved in organized intramural activities, but when they have time would like to be able to join in on a pick-up game of basketball, for example. He said the facility would really expand a lot of the recreational activities available to students.

"It is really going to be the students' building," Hellstrom stated.

Other possibilities Larwood suggested include a squash court and other ancillary court space.

"We need a few more indoor activities," he said. "It would be nice to have a facility of this type. This campus is isolated. I think there are a lot of factors that say 'hey, we've got to do that.'"

Hellstrom pointed out a new field house facility could have a lot of spin-off benefits for the university. He noted that it would serve as a drawing card for new students. Plus, there are a lot of members of the Sudbury community who might be interested in using the facility. There are a lot of influential people in the Sudbury community who enjoy running, and many of them are Laurentian graduates, Hellstrom said. By offering them access to such a facility, it provides an opportunity to allow them to come back to the campus and renew their association with Laurentian, which could lead to other bigger and better things.

"I think it is a win-win (proposal)," Hellstrom stated. "Nothing (like this) has really been done on this campus for a really long time."

Currently, there is a survey circulating via GroupWise, and all students who access their accounts are being asked to respond. The survey asks for students to contribute their ideas of what they would like to see in a new field house facility, and whether or not they would support the concept.

"We are really at the grass roots level of putting things together and seeing what the need is," Hellstrom said. "If you have any other ideas, guys, let us know."

The pair indicated they hope to have conceptual drawings, incorporating any feasible ideas submitted by the students, by February. Then they will have enough information to mount a campaign in support of the proposal, to push the idea to a student referendum. The referendum is necessary in order to secure some form of student funding for the project, though the exact figure will not become apparent until Hellstrom and Larwood have a better idea of what the students are looking for in a new facility. Hellstrom noted they are considering other sources of revenue as well, such as corporate sponsorship and government funding.

"If York University can get \$8 million for a CFL franchise..." he said.

Hellstrom added, "We are hoping that this a positive approach to bettering Laurentian."

Intramural Corner

Intramural Men's Basketball

The season for the Men's Intramural Basketball concluded on Tuesday, November 23. Every team showed great enthusiasm and participation throughout the season. All the teams should be very impressed with the level of participation, sportsmanship, and competition as they showed how great the Intramural Sports Program is here at Laurentian University. The Convenors would like to thank Paul Graham, Kim Nicholl and Dorothy Pitzel for their great efforts, time, and guidance. The Convenors would also like to thank all participants, scorers and the Men's and Women's Varsity teams for making this season such a great success. A special congratulations goes out to "Huntington #1" team, the winner of the Competitive league, and "The House" team, the winner of the Non-competitive league. Hope to see everyone out next year!!

Intramural Women's Basketball

The season has ended, and what a way to finish it. Many athletes came out to fun night on Tuesday, Nov. 24 to have a very enjoyable game of 5 on 5 Basketball, as well as a huge game of "Bump". A very special prize of a 13-inch TV was raffled off. Congratulations goes out to the winner of the T.V. and the big "Bump" game, who went away with a nice Team Canada Hockey picture. The top two teams of the league were, in first place, Mass Media and in second place, University of Sudbury Lakers. The Convenors would like to thank all teams, scorers, and the Men's and Women's Varsity Basketball teams for coming out each and every game and making this event a success.

Through feedback and just watching the games, it was easy to see the huge amount of fun that all the athletes were having. This is what the Laurentian University Intramural Sports Program is all about. We hope to see everyone out again next year for another successful year of Women's Intramural Basketball.

Intramural Co-ed Indoor Soccer

The Convenors of Intramural Co-ed Indoor Soccer would like to remind all players and workers, which are registered, that this Intramural will begin on Tuesday, January 4th, 2005. Indoor Soccer will be held in the Ben Avery Gymnasium and will finish January 27th, 2005. Recreational and Competitive teams will play in a Monday / Wednesday League or a Tuesday / Thursday League. Games will be played at 9pm, 10pm, and 11pm. Reminder to players, you **MUST** wear and provide your own shin pads and proper footwear. Good luck to all teams! Remember to have an excellent time playing!

Intramural Co-Ed Volleyball

We are inviting any enthusiastic students, who love playing Volleyball or who want to participate in some sort of physical activity, to come sign up for Laurentian University's Intramural Co-Ed Volleyball League. The league will run from February 1, 2005 until March 10, 2005, every Tuesday and Thursday night, from 9p.m. to midnight. Registration is from Monday, January 10 to Friday, January 14, 2005, at the Active Living Office in the Ben Avery Building, B-226. The office is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm and again at 1:30pm to 4pm. There is a limit of 36 teams. The cost is \$20 per team, and you will be asked to register in either a Competitive, Semi-Competitive or Recreational league. Remember, each team must have two females on the court at all times. The Convenors hope to see everyone on the court having fun!

Intramural Co-Ed Innertube Waterpolo

Once again Laurentian University's Intramural Sports Program is organizing an upcoming Innertube Waterpolo Tournament which will be held in the Olympic Gold Pool on Sunday, February 6, 2005 from 3 pm to 6:30 pm. Registration will begin on Monday, January 10, 2005 and go through till Friday, January 15, 2005 in the Active Living Office (B-226), located in the Ben Avery Building. The office is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 12 pm and again from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. The cost is \$20.00 per team and each team must be Co-ed consisting of seven players in the pool to play. As well, each team must have two females in the pool at all times. Be prepared to get wet, laugh, and have fun!

Intramural Cross-Country Skiing

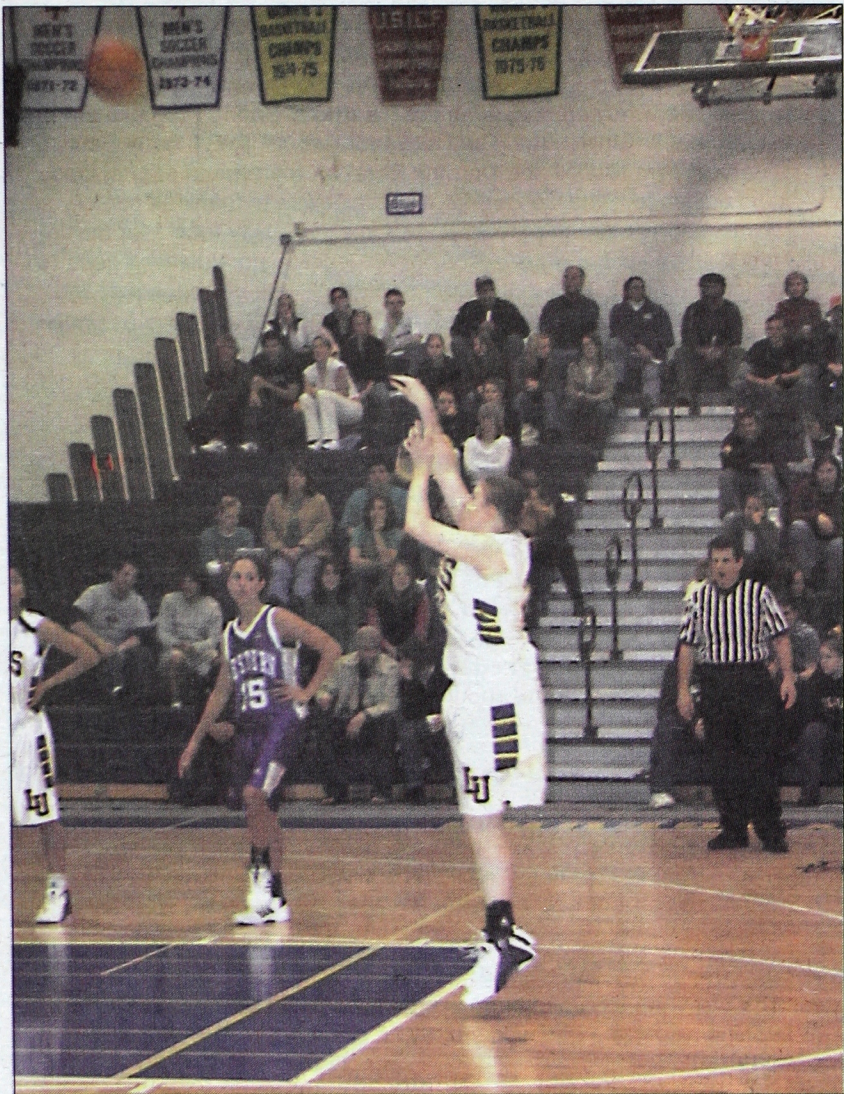
The entire Laurentian student population is invited outdoors to try one of Sudbury's favorite past times on Friday, January 28, 2005. This is your opportunity to get outdoors, enjoy the fresh air, and start the year off right on some of the best groomed trails through the scenic Laurentian forest. All abilities are welcome to join in this event. Rental equipment will be available for \$3 at the time of registration. Registration for the Intramural Cross Country Ski event will take place Monday, January 10 until Friday, January 15, 2005 in the Active Living Office located at the Ben Avery Physical Education Center. The office is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm and again at 1:30pm to 4pm. For more information, please contact the Intramural Office at 675-1151 ext. 1018 or email kj_nicholl@laurentian.ca. Be sure to mark January 28, 2005 on your calendar!

LAMBDA SPORTS

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Lady Vees win four in a row

That's gotta hurt!



Photos by Kris Harris

Members of Laurentian's Lady Vees basketball team battle for OUA supremacy against the Western Mustangs in the team's home opener on Nov. 19.

BY KRIS HARRIS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Laurentian Lady Vees women's basketball team is on a roll.

The team's ability to shoot the three-ball as well as make timely steals and defensive stops has put the Lady Vees back on top in the OUA's East division. Their 6-2 record includes a four-game winning streak and ties them for first place in the division with Ottawa.

Leading the way for the Lady Vees is forward Cassandra Carpenter, who is among the OUA leaders in virtually every category. Her 152 points scored leads the province and places her second in the country. She is first in the OUA and fourth in the CIS with 10.9 rebounds-per-game, and leads the country with 74 made free-throws. Rounding out her game, she is second in the province with 3.6 steals-per-game, and she is seventh in the province in assists-per-game.

But, Carpenter is not the only player contributing to the success of the Lady Vees. Captain Tierney Hoo is doing her part; she is twelfth in the province in scoring and tenth in steals. She is also tied for first-place in the province hitting three-pointers with 18, putting her second in the country. Adding to the Laurentian threat from beyond the arc are guards Ashley MacSporran and Brianne Henry, who are tied for fifth in the province and tenth in the country with 13 three-pointers apiece.

The Lady Vees also have four players in the top 20 in assists in the league, a testament to their team mentality.

On Nov. 19, the Lady Vees looked to end a short two-game skid when they faced the Western Mustangs in their home opener. In front of a raucous home crowd, Laurentian outplayed the Mustangs, earning an eight-point victory.

Western came out of the gate quickly, getting up early on Laurentian, but the Lady Vees held their composure. Despite the early mistakes, three straight three-pointers by the Lady Vees midway through the first half helped Laurentian to a 34-29 lead at the break.

Laurentian seemed ready to play as soon as the second half began, grabbing three quick steals that led to three easy buckets in the first two min-

utes. Western was kept off the scoreboard for the first four minutes of the second half, but they managed to come back and tie the game with 11 minutes remaining.

A big three-pointer by Hoo with under six minutes to play put the Lady Vees up by five. Laurentian started to use the clock to their advantage, allowing the shot clock to run almost all the way down before attempting a shot. At the end, strong defence was Laurentian's salvation, as they worked hard in the paint to prevent Western from scoring any easy buckets on the way to a 64-56 win.

Carpenter led the Lady Vees with her fifth straight double-double, getting 14 points, 10 boards and two assists. Hoo scored 12 points and Caitlin Blackadder added 10 for the Lady Vees.

The next night, Laurentian squared off against the Windsor Lancers. The Lancers proved no match for the Lady Vees, and Laurentian walked off the court with a 12-point victory. Laurentian played aggressively to start the game on both ends of the court. A buzzer-beater by Carpenter gave the Lady Vees a 47-37 lead at the half.

In the second half, the Lady Vees showed even more grit and determination. Guard Lisa Roberts started the team off on the right foot, hitting back-to-back three-pointers early in the half. At one point, Laurentian led by 25, but Windsor battled hard in an attempt to close the gap.

In the end, Laurentian held on to the 83-71 win. Leading scorers for the Lady Vees included Carpenter, Roberts and Hoo with 19, 13 and 10 points respectively. Carpenter was also a catalyst on the glass in the game, pulling down 14 rebounds.

The following week, Laurentian looked to carry that momentum into their game against the Ryerson Rams on Nov. 26. Despite starting out slowly, the Lady Vees managed to come from behind and win the game by nine points.

The first half was played well by Ryerson. They were able to slow down the pace of the game and stop the Lady Vees from getting fast-break opportunities. At the end of the half, the Rams had a 29-27 lead over Laurentian.

"We weren't focussed in the first half," said head coach Mike Clarke. "We played sloppy, turned the ball over way too much, and I was disappointed with the intensity level of our defence."

Clarke must have said something about that

lackluster performance, because in the second half the team was able to turn it around defensively, forcing Ryerson to take outside shots. The intensity paid off for the Lady Vees, as they finished the game with a 69-60 win.

"We tried to refocus at half-time," Clarke said. "I thought in the second half we did a lot better job of rebounding, turned the ball over less and were more effective."

Carpenter scored a team-high 21 points and brought down 11 rebounds, while Hoo added 17 points and 10 boards. With her offensive output, Hoo moved up to seventh place all-time in career OUA scoring with 1063 points in her illustrious career. MacSporran chipped in 11 points and Henry scored 10 in the victory over Ryerson.

The next night, the Lady Vees were in tough against the Toronto Varsity Blues. For the second straight night, the Lady Vees managed to overcome a half-time deficit to earn the win.

Laurentian got into trouble when two of their veteran starters were forced to leave the game with injuries. The Blues didn't let up on the Lady Vees, taking a 31-30 lead to the bench at the half.

"The first half was just survival for us," Clarke said. "We had two girls get hurt and another couple with two personal fouls."

In the second half, the Blues continued to shoot out the lights at the Ben Avery Gym, but the Lady Vees didn't lose their composure. The turning point for Laurentian came when Roberts hit five straight free throws after being fouled behind the arc and Toronto being assessed a technical foul. The Lady Vees stuck to their game plan, even when Carpenter fouled out of the game with just under two minutes remaining.

"We played with a lot of heart and emotion in the second half," Clarke said. "I thought they (Toronto) shot the ball great, but we were able to score 49 second-half points to stay ahead of them."

Despite fouling out, Carpenter still managed to lead the team in scoring with 25 points, adding eight rebounds. Other notable Lady Vees were Roberts with 15 points and Hoo with 14.

The Lady Vees will be back in action on Dec. 3, when they travel to Toronto for a match-up against the York Lions. They will then return home to host the Lions in the Ben Avery Gym on Dec. 5 at 1:00 p.m.

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Voyageurs string three together



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The Laurentian Voyageurs men's basketball team struggled to start the season, but came home and won three of four games. The team will look to make up more ground this weekend against York.

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After a poor start, the Laurentian Voyageurs men's basketball team has jumped up in the standings after stringing three straight wins together. Currently, the Voyageurs are 3-5 on the season and sit in fifth place in the OUA's East division, six points out of first.

After four road games to start the season, Laurentian came home to play their next four at the Ben Avery Gymnasium. The team played its home opener on Nov. 19 against the Western Mustangs, and although the Voyageurs came out hungry for a win, they would lose this match-up in the dying minutes.

The Voyageurs seemed to take energy from the rowdy, sold-out crowd that had come to cheer them to victory, and had amassed a 10-point lead midway through the first half. Western tried to cut into the lead despite constant harassment by the Laurentian fans behind their bench, but solid fundamentals kept the Voyageurs up by five at the break, 30-25.

As the second half wound down, Western guard Matthew Curtis hit four three-pointers to give his team the lead, and the Voyageurs were unable to respond, letting the Mustangs walk out of town with a 66-60 win. Forward Ben Palmer led the Voyageurs in scoring with 16 points and nine rebounds. Guard Andrew Greig chipped in 15 points and seven boards for Laurentian.

The next day, Laurentian was back in action hosting the Windsor Lancers. Once again, the Voyageurs came out strong but required big plays from their stars at the end of the game to preserve the win. Strong minutes from the second-stringers was key to the Laurentian win, and at the half the team was up by 15 points. The Lancers would not go away, however, managing to tie the game at 60 with one minute to play. A nice pass inside to Palmer put the Voyageurs up for good with 26 seconds left, and Greig hit his two free throws down the stretch, giving Laurentian a 64-60 victory and putting the team in the win column.

Palmer led the team in scoring again, tallying 15 points and seven boards. Guard Brody Bishop scored 10 points, including two three-pointers, Matt Brown chipped in with eight points and three rebounds, and forward

Jesse Adjei added six points in the victory.

"The name of the game was substitutions tonight," said head coach Virgil Hill. "We got everyone involved, creating momentum and real enthusiasm. The young guys came out tonight and showed us that they can be contributors at this level."

Laurentian's next game was on Nov. 26 against the winless Ryerson Rams. The Voyageurs used the entire bench in this game and posted a convincing win in front of the home crowd.

Laurentian had a noticeable size advantage over the Rams, and they used it early in the game to score points in the paint. When Ryerson started to double up on the post players, the Voyageurs moved the game to the outside, scoring on jump-shots. At the half, the Voyageurs had a comfortable lead, 45-31.

The Voyageurs didn't allow Ryerson to whittle the lead in this contest, playing hard on the defensive side of the ball. They managed to outscore the Rams in the second half as well and cruised to the 80-59 win. Palmer netted 18 points in the victory and pulled down eight rebounds, while Greig put up 16 points and Brown scored 10. Forward Jermaine Glenn was also big on the glass for Laurentian, grabbing nine rebounds and only one of the 12 Voyageur players failed to score a point in the game.

"We wanted to ensure that we came away with the victory tonight but at the same time get the whole roster into the game," Hill said. "Our plan today was to see if we could extend a lead so we could get the young guys some minutes and see how they perform in a real game."

Laurentian finished off its home-stand the following day with a big comeback win over the Toronto Varsity Blues. The Voyageurs, who were down by as much as 25 in the game, left in on the floor and secured the one-point victory.

tory.

The first half saw the team get off to a horrible start, thanks to the tough defence of the Blues. But, a key three-pointer by Greig to beat the buzzer had the Voyageurs within 18 at the break. In the second half, Laurentian built on that momentum, slowly chipping away offensively while maintaining a strong presence in their end of the court. When Toronto's best defender fouled out, Laurentian took the opportunity and managed to squeak out the 63-62 win.

Greig scored 14 points and seven rebounds, Bishop added 13 points, and guard Aaron Sidenberg chipped in with 12 points including three clutch free-throws with under a minute to go that preserved the win for the Voyageurs.

"It's great to see Aaron hit the crucial shots," Hill said. "He was put back in the clutch situation and delivered."

The coach was impressed with his team's determination.

"I thought we showed a lot of resolve in our come-back tonight. In terms of our mental toughness, we didn't wilt and that's a good sign for us."

Another good sign for the Voyageurs has been the play of fifth-year guard Greig, who is in his final season with the blue-and-gold. Greig has been on fire from behind the arc, leading the province and the country in three-point field goals so far this year. He is also second in the OUA in points scored, and fifth in the province with his 16.9 points-per-game.

"Andy is a leader for our team," Hill said. "He is a consistent threat from anywhere on the court and every team knows that. He opens the floor up for the other players to put points on the board."

Palmer is also hitting the stat-sheets with regularity. His 13.0 points-per-game has him in 20th in the league, and he sits in sixth in the province with 8.1 rebounds-per-game. He is also averaging a block a game, which puts him in a tie for eighth spot in the OUA.

The Voyageurs will wrap up the first half of their season with a home-and-home series against the York Lions. The team will be in Toronto on Dec. 3 before returning home on Dec. 5 for a matinee at 3:00 p.m. in the Ben Avery Gym.

Men's swim team takes silver, women's get bronze at Eynon



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"We are very pleased with the execution and intensity the swimmers showed throughout the weekend," said head coach Phil Parker. "Their results will give them a lot of motivation to work hard in the pool over the exam period leading into the winter training camp in Sarasota, Florida. We had some great surprise swims from both the men and women's sides and the hard work they have done to this point really paid off for them."

In addition to the CIS-qualifying times, Bonner set Eynon divisional records with his times in the 50-m and 100-m backstroke events.

Laurentian's Emmanuel Angrand earned two second place

finishes, in the 50-m and 100-m freestyle events, and Smith added to his gold medal with a pair of second-place finishes in the 200-m butterfly and 200-m individual medley.

"The team has been working very hard at their execution and it's paying dividends for them," Parker said. "We are really happy with their results in the CIS rankings."

The Aqua Vees will now continue to work very hard to build upon their first half success. They will head to Sarasota, Florida for their winter training camp from December 26 to January 5. Their next OUA action will take place on Jan. 29 when they will compete at the University of Toronto.

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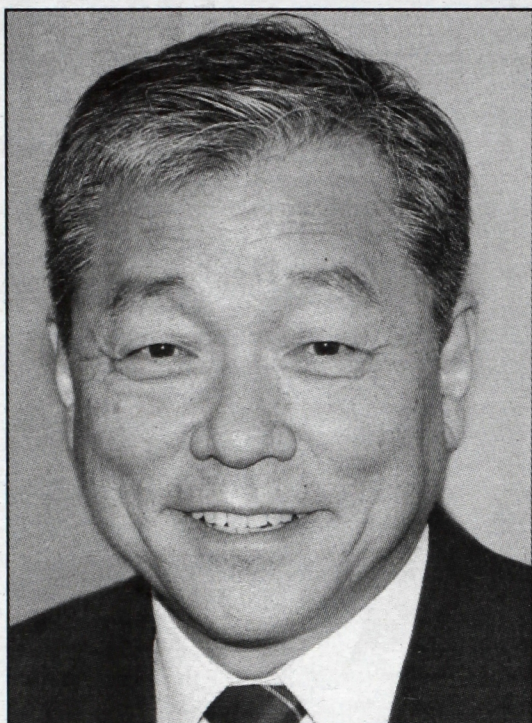
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Landmark report could influence the future of pharmaceutical research around the World

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The World Health Organization (WHO) released a new report last week recommending ways in which pharmaceutical research and innovation can best address the health needs and emerging health threats in Europe and around the world.

The report, entitled *Priority Medicines for Europe and the World*, was commissioned by the Dutch Government [the current president of the European Union (EU)], and identifies a priority list of medicines for Europe and the rest of the world. The WHO consciously took a number of factors into account while creating the report, including Europe's ageing population, the increasing burden of non-communicable illnesses in developing countries, and diseases which have persisted despite the fact that effective treatments are available. The report looks at the gaps in research and innovation for these medicines and provides specific policy recommendations on creating incentives for closing those gaps.



DR. LEE JONG-WOOK

At present, the report notes that pharmaceutical research and development are based on a market-driven incentive system relying primarily on patents and protected pricing as its prime financing mechanism. As a result, a number of important health needs are being left unaddressed by pharmaceutical corporations.

The report identifies gaps for diseases for which treatments do not exist, are inadequate, or are not reaching patients. Major threats to

public health, such as antibacterial resistance or pandemic influenza, for which present treatments or preventive measures are unlikely to be effective in the future, also require immediate action. In addition, the report addresses obstacles where effective medicines could be better delivered to the patient, and looks at particular groups such as children, women, and the elderly, who have frequently been neglected or ignored in the scientific or medicine development process.

The WHO also noted that for a number of diseases that affect people in all European countries, no effective and safe medicinal treatment is yet available (e.g. Alzheimer disease and several cancers). For some diseases like breast cancer, potentially large markets exist for medicines and associated pharmaceutical research is likely to be intensive for certain therapeutic classes. For other categories of medicines, the number of patients is low or the market-driven pharmaceutical industry has failed to pursue research and development (e.g., new medicines for tuberculosis).

The report suggests that efforts to shorten the medicine development process without compromising patient safety would greatly assist in promoting pharmaceutical innovation. It suggests that the EU could create and support a broad research agenda through which the European Agency for Evaluating Medicines (EMEA), national regulatory authorities, scientists, industry, and the public would critically review the regulatory requirements within the medicine development process for relevance, costing, and value for making predictions. The report also suggests that the EU Commission and national authorities should support a research agenda on the various methods of rewarding clinical performance and linking prices to national income levels, which the report's authors believe will help encourage industry to invest in the discovery of innovative medicines that address priority health care needs.

The report maintains that where the market is strong and the problem is poor understanding of the basic biology of the disease, investment for basic research and for facilitating innovation by the pharmaceutical industry will be needed. Where the biology is well understood but the market is

weak, public support for breaching the gap between basic and clinical research (such as public-private partnerships and other not-for-profit product development initiatives) will be the preferred solution. Where the biology is not well understood and the market is also weak, then biological research can be supported while market incentives are created for the pharmaceutical industry by reducing barriers to innovation and through improving reimbursement rewards.

"This report identifies health gaps and potential solutions. It is particularly timely for a continent where an ageing population faces increasing health problems, and for a world where old and new threats no longer respect national borders," said Dr. Lee Jong-wook, Director-General of WHO from the Ministerial Summit on Health Research, which took place in Mexico last week.

The recommendations contained in the report could have a significant impact on research innovation and policy, with support from European leaders. The report was discussed at a High Level Meeting in the Hague on November 18, 2004. For access to the full WHO report, please visit <http://mednet3.who.int/prioritymeds/>.

Trek tech coming to a drug store near you?

University of Alberta researchers developing cancer detection device fit for consumers

(CUP) — Tiny chips being developed at the University of Alberta could soon allow patients to test themselves for cancer in the privacy of their homes, yielding results in minutes.

A \$6.5 million project spearheaded by oncologist Linda Pilarsky and electrical engineer Chris Backhouse could make the detection of cancers significantly faster and cheaper through the use of microfluidic — or "lab on a chip" — technology.

In a microelectronic chip, micrometre-scale wires transport electrons in order to send electronic messages. A micrometre is a notch larger than the nanometre, which is 1/10,000th of the width of a human hair.

A microfluidic chip uses micron-scale channels to move fluid particles through the chip. Electrical fields are applied to move a cell, a molecule of DNA or any chemicals through the channels. In this way, the chip performs the manipulations previously done in clinical tests by people in labs.

The goal of the research is to amalgamate many microfluidic chips — each testing for different things — to create what Backhouse calls a "tricorder," nicknamed after a Star Trek device.

The portable device could be

used in many different situations, and could produce results in a tiny fraction of the time required by most tests.

Just as computers have evolved from room-sized devices with less computational power than a digital wristwatch, so too must medical technology, said Backhouse.

"We've got huge (medical) instruments that do our tasks. And because they're huge, they use large quantities of stuff. And the stuff is about a million dollars a gram — it makes gold look dirt-cheap."

"It's semi-automated, the way the first computers were, so it needs a lot of people to process things," he said, adding that the skills of those doing the tests could be better put to use in other aspects of research.

"We're treating humans like robots."

And while powerful techniques exist for detecting genetic information, the tests are expensive, Backhouse added.

While scientists know a great deal about the human genome, and while there are many things to test for, it is mostly the wealthy drug companies that can afford to do so, rather than the healthcare system.

"By being able to work with really, really small quantities on a chip — which is analogous to what we did with microelectronics — we

should get a dramatic increase in speed, a dramatic decrease in cost and, most importantly, a dramatic increase in accessibility to the patient."

Pilarsky explained that because the chip can detect different kinds of cancer, it could allow doctors to design treatments that are more effective for patients and could minimize unnecessary side effects from inappropriate amounts or types of treatment.

"At the moment we really can't properly do that," she said, "because it's too expensive, it's too complicated."

Pilarsky envisions a computer system in which the test would immediately reveal to doctors a patient's genetic characteristics and the best treatment for their specific type of cancer.

She explained that the "tricorder" could have many different applications, including helping doctors prescribe proper doses of drugs by testing a patient's drug metabolism.

The device could minimize hospital visits resulting from adverse drug effects, which cost the healthcare system significant amounts of money.

Pilarsky added that outlying communities, with limited access to the medical technology found in

cities, could also benefit from the portable, inexpensive technology.

"Small means cheaper, small means automated — and in our case, small means that you can bring it anywhere, to Tuktoyaktuk; in theory you could take it to the moon or Mars. If we ever make it into outer space we're going to need devices like that," said Pilarsky.

The chip technology could also help in the detection of contaminants from water and the detection of many different medical conditions.

Backhouse explained that while some elements of the microfluidic chip development are done at a nano-scale, the project is not classified as nanotechnology research.

"Basically, we're trying to develop a tricorder that's a few hundred dollars — a tricorder that you might ultimately be able to buy from London Drugs on your way home from school," he said.

"If you're trying to push your limits into the nano, it'd probably become a lot more expensive — as you try to manipulate smaller and smaller things it becomes harder and harder to do."

While it is hard to estimate how long the development of the "tricorder" will take, Pilarsky said it could be on drug-store shelves within the next five to seven years.

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United Nations to hold colloquium on research and higher education

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Researchers, experts and policy-makers from all over the world will be meeting this week at the offices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the Colloquium on Research and Higher Education Policy. The colloquium follows a series of regional meetings that have focused on trends in these areas and any needed improvements.

Higher education is currently undergoing major changes throughout the world; the current Rae review in Ontario is ample proof of this. With the multiplication of institutions proposing different forms of higher learning, as well as the privatization and intensification of higher education, governments are faced with fundamental choices. Using this as their context, the colloquium plans to look at which research systems and which institutional structures are necessary, as well as which will be financially affordable for students and sustainable well into the future.

"Places of learning - schools, universities, laboratories and research centres - are seedbeds of the culture of peace," says UNESCO Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura. "We must do all we can to keep alive the spirit of tolerance and open-mindedness without which there can be no fruitful dialogue between the different cultures, religions and civilizations."

The colloquium, which opened December 1, will be covering three main themes: knowledge, access and governance. The first theme will encourage an approach to changes in the understanding of knowledge and to the essentially political nature of different 'knowledge cultures' in today's world. The dis-



cussions on this theme will be chaired by Lidia Arthur Brito, the Minister of Higher Education and Science of Mozambique. They will focus on the strengths and liabilities of different institutional structures for the creation, dissemination and use of knowledge, as well as the way in which the content of higher education determines how one conceives of knowledge.

The session devoted to the theme of access to higher education will be chaired by Hebe Vessuri of the Instituto Venezolano de Investigación Científica. This session will examine the disparities that exist, attempt to determine their causes, and will study political strategies that would lead to the reduction of these disparities. Particular attention will be paid to studying the links between higher education and labour markets.

The session on governance will take on both the often tenuous relationship between higher education and the state, and the multiplicity of economic and social interests involved. The governance debates will be directed by Ulrich Techler of the University of Kassel in Germany, and it is within this theme that the issue of funding research will be highlighted.

After these initial sessions, the three themes will be discussed together during parallel seminars that will examine more specific sub-themes. It is

hoped that the research findings, political experiences presented, and critical analyses provided will foster the emergence of new themes of convergence, new development strategies and new decisions that will improve the quality and delivery of higher education around the world.

"We must do everything possible to preserve the conditions for dialogue between the various scientific and academic communities throughout the world," said Matsuura, following a call by the governing body of the University of Paris for a boycott of Israeli universities, "as this dialogue is sometimes the last link between peoples divided by war and the first step towards reconciliation."

UNESCO was founded in 1945 as a specialized agency of the United Nations.

UNESCO's functions include publishing scientific breakthroughs in order to ensure that advances in science and technology are shared equally throughout the world, helping to improve the health and well being of all the peoples of the planet. For more information on UNESCO or its sub-departments, visit www.unesco.org. For access to UNESCO's fantastic Natural Sciences databases, networks, and various international programs, visit www.unesco.org/science/networks.shtml.

SCIENCE BRIEFS

LU claims technology award

During the IP World Canada 2004 conference, held recently in Toronto, Laurentian University was presented the Innovative IP Communication Solutions and Early Technology Adoption Award. This conference featured industry leaders, noted futurists, consultants and analysts who are making IP-based communication a business reality.

Accepting the Innovative IP Communication Solutions and Early Technology Adoption Award on behalf of the institution were Ms. Johanne Rioux, Director of LU's Instructional Media Centre and Telecommunications, and Mr. Bill Sandblom, Director of LU's Computer Services. Ms. Rioux and Mr. Sandblom were also speakers at the conference.

With this award, Laurentian University is recognized for having successfully implemented a Voice Over IP telephone system to over 1,300 users. Laurentian was the first university in Canada to fully integrate a Voice Over IP telephone system and implement all features through the computer network. This Nortel Networks system, which runs on the University's computer network lines, allows users to access the phone system via email and Internet and vice versa. It counts several advantages and features such as a unified messaging, text-to-speech, and voice recognition.

"Laurentian is among a select group of institutions to successfully integrate a very sophisticated phone system with voice recognition that runs completely over the computer network. It is definitely the system of the future and the users will greatly benefit from numerous technological advantages," explained Ms. Johanne Rioux, director of LU's Instructional Media Centre and Telecommunications.

Laurentian University has quietly become a leader among Ontario universities in its integration of multiple communications and networking technologies into classrooms, student areas and other parts of the campus.

For more information, please call Ms. Johanne Rioux, Director of LU's Instructional Media Centre and Telecommunications, at (705) 675-1151, ext. 2301, or Mr. Bill Sandblom, Director of Laurentian University's Computer Services, at (705) 675-1151, ext. 2277.

Ontario government invests in Laurentian's research infrastructure

Earlier today, Laurentian University celebrated the announcement that it will receive \$2,528,600 from the provincial government's Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) to relocate its Department of Earth Sciences and Central Analytical Facility into the WilletGreen Miller Centre (WGMC), also located on the University campus. Taking part in the announcement were Mr. Rick Bartolucci, Northern Development and Mines Minister and Chair of NOHFC, and Dr. Judith Woodsworth, Laurentian University President.

"This will enhance Laurentian University's international reputation in research as well as its capacity to offer first-class mines and minerals program and facilitate the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment," declared Laurentian University President Dr. Judith Woodsworth. "This development will allow the University to foster excellence in teaching and research, and assist us in attracting high-calibre students who wish to benefit from our recognized mineral exploration expertise. We thank the Ontario government for supporting this project that will contribute to a healthy northern economy and job creation for our youth."

This move will strategically locate mineral exploration research undertaken by Laurentian University into a state-of-the-art facility also shared by provincial mineral experts. The presence of Laurentian researchers will add to the critical mass of mineral development excellence already housed in the WGMC, including the University's Mineral Exploration Centre and its Mining Innovation, Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation (MIRARCO), and the Ontario Geological Survey.

While favouring mineral exploration synergy, the relocation will also free up much needed space in Laurentian's Science Building for other university initiatives.

"I am delighted that the McGuinty government can support this relocation that further integrates mineral exploration research and development," said Mr. Rick Bartolucci, Northern Development and Mines Minister and Chair of the NOHFC. "By promoting the collaboration between academics, researchers, government and industry, we are fostering the development of Sudbury and Northern Ontario as a centre of excellence for mining, mining products and services."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Information Seminar: Meet the people who book your local clubs

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Have you ever seen a band at your local bar and wondered "wow, I can't believe they got such a cool group?"

Well, at an information seminar on Nov. 24 the public had a chance to talk to three people that can make it happen.

The event, hosted by Music and Film in Motion (MFM), presented two local bar managers and a booking agent for local bands in order to teach people about the inner workings of band hiring.

MFM hosts monthly seminars as part of their Taking it to the Stage and Screen Program, designed to help local artists gain feedback, network, and learn from insiders in the film and music industry. The one held last Friday was called "Nuts and Bolts - Meet the People Who Book Your Local Clubs."

The audience was allowed to ask questions of the insiders about a number of things related to getting gigs in local bars and clubs.

Paul Loewenberg, the man that makes it happen at the TowneHouse, answered questions about how a band is booked and what he looks for when seeking talent.

"Be true to yourself," Loewenberg answered. "We look for interesting, energetic bands. Come up with your own thing."

The TowneHouse has a reputation for hiring a wide and quite eclectic assortment of styles, from punk to calypso to funk to rock and roll, ska and reggae - even polka.

"We've done that," he laughed. "Actually, we had a band open for an Ozzy [Osbourne] tribute band that played that [style]," he said.

When asked about the pay scale for bands at the TowneHouse, Loewenberg explained there are different ways to pay bands. The bands can get either a percentage of bar sales, the money gotten from the cover charge, or a guaranteed amount versus the door, whichever is greater, he explained.

Loewenberg went on to describe the kinds of music he looks for.

"There's no real expectation as far as play lists," he explained, and said he generally stays away from old pop and top-40 style bands.

"And no Cat Stevens," he joked.

Local booking agent Craig Jefferson of P.U.B. Promotions explained some of the rigours involved in trying to get booked.

"I've cold-called places for so long, so

many times, and I hate doing that," he said, explaining the benefits of having a booking agent. "I know most of the owners and I know what they look for."

"Most bar owners are set in what they're looking for," he clarified. "Since I play music myself, and have played in most of the bars here, I already know what to expect."

Jefferson generally charges only \$50 for his booking services.

100 Georges manager Scott Priolo books most of the acts for his bar. Like Loewenberg, he said that most of the local bands he puts on call him up with some dates to fill during a tour. He gets frequent calls from bands, and also looks for original entertainment.

"It's a combination; we have acts calling on a regular basis. I check my e-mails on the Web site and I'll usually get back to them."

When his bar opened, Priolo was looking primarily for jazz-style bands, but said the demographic wasn't big enough to support such a specific genre in Sudbury. He has since had to diversify, bringing in everything from blues to cover bands over the year-plus 100 Georges has been open.

Economic conditions have caused a roller coaster ride as far as business goes, Priolo said. Business will be booming for a week or two, and then get comparatively quiet for the same amount of time.

Priolo and Loewenberg spoke about having local organizations invest in the local music scene.

"We need, as an arts community, to appeal to the city and local corporations for their help in keeping the businesses alive and thriving," Loewenberg said.

The information session was put together by local arts organization Music and Film in Motion, a non-profit group whose goal is to "foster and promote the development of the film and music industries in Sudbury and Northern Ontario," according to their Web site. This particular seminar was funded by FACTOR (Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent On Records) and the Government of Canadian via the Canada Music Fund.

MFM has numerous events scheduled for the public in the upcoming weeks, including a songwriting clinic with Andy Stochansky at the end of November, a three-day workshop on how to start an independent record label at the start of December, and a screenwriting workshop in the first week of December.

For more information, go to www.thin-knorth.ca or call MFM at 674-9954.

CSI: Crime Scene Infatuation

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WASHINGTON (CUP) — It took four years for this new one to develop, but North America has finally claimed its current craze. And it's... crime scenes?

Blame it on Sept. 11, 2001, a natural aversion to non-Friends Must-See TV or the smouldering hotness of William Petersen, but North America's latest craze is cuffed to the long arm of the law. And recently, news came raining down like locusts from a vengeful God that reaffirmed how far television's CSI: Crime Scene Investigation has seeped into the American consciousness.

The most obvious symptom of this trend has been felt within the justice system of the U.S.

In a Nov. 8 story in Time magazine, entitled Where CSI Meets Real Law and Order, prosecuting attorneys lament the fact since CSI's emergence, jurors routinely won't convict a person of any crime unless detailed forensic science proves it.

The prosecutor — in a moment of great suspense, of course — must reveal DNA results gleaned from a clipped nail from the victim's foot found on the suspect's shoelace, carelessly thrown into the closet after a clean getaway, to convince these CSI-educated juries to convict. Forget facts — now it's just the genes.

On a related note, during the Nov. 13 episode of America's Most Wanted, a reporter recounted how dairy farmer Dick Binish was able to help authorities in Green Bay, Wis., link one of his workers to a heinous crime.

How'd he do it? By offering the employee a soda and saving the bottle after the suspect took a sip. A quick trip to the lab was all the authorities needed to get the DNA sample, which landed the murderer in jail. Where could a farmer out west possibly learn such a wily skill? In an episode of CSI, of course.

While there's certainly nothing wrong with a trend that gets the public to save lives, you know the threshold to obsession has been

crossed when people start losing their jobs over it. That was the case the night of Nov. 11.

After knocking on death's door for many days, Arafat's body finally gave out and he took his place in history in a Parisian hospital. Little did he know but, according to American standards, he chose an awful time to die. Problem being he died during the cutthroat Wednesday primetime block.

While all the other networks went with a news scrawl, CBS News preempted the final five minutes of an all-new CSI: N.Y. on the east coast to do a special report about Arafat's life.

Suffice it to say, when Joe and Jane America take time out of their busy life to sit through 55 minutes of a show to see a situation resolved, they don't want to be robbed of the last five minutes. Especially if the show is a mystery. Especially if there's usually a twist. And exponential especially if it's a mystery with a twist that happens to be on a top-10 rated series of the season.

Dick Wolf (Law and Order) and Donald Trump's (The Apprentice) giddiness aside, there were plenty of angry letters and phone calls at CBS headquarters the following Friday morning. America could not care less if Arafat died or not; what was truly important was the resolution of the plotlines. Was the Brooklyn massacre an inside job or not? How did the man with the amputated leg die?

If CSI were just a mere craze, CBS's decision to air an encore the next night would have been enough to appease all parties involved. But guess again — CSI is a certified obsession.

So naturally, the higher-ups promptly fired the overanxious CBS News producer who gave the go-ahead to pre-empt the hit series. In a statement, CBS claims: "An overly aggressive CBS News producer jumped the gun with a report that should have been offered to local stations for their late news."

Crime solved, justice served — exactly how America likes it.

Kate Maki to release new album

Kate Maki is ready to take the country by storm again with her newest release entitled The Sun Will Find Us. A CD release party will be taking place on December 4th at the TowneHouse Tavern in Sudbury.

Maki is now set to take another year of leave from teaching to promote and tour in support of The Sun Will Find Us. She will be touring Western Canada in

January and February, Eastern Canada in March, and Southern Ontario in April. Starting in December, the new CD will be available at shows, online through www.katemaki.com, www.maplemusic.com, www.milesfrommusic.com, and in select record stores across Canada.

The CD release party will be taking place on Saturday, December 4th at

the TowneHouse Tavern, located at 206 Elgin Street, in Sudbury. The event will feature cocktails at 9:00pm and opening performances by Ryan Bishops, Ruth Minnikin, Nathan Lawr & Dale Murray at 10:00pm. Kate Maki and her band, The Openers, are set to go on stage at 11:00pm. For more information, please contact the TowneHouse Tavern at 705-674-6883.

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Matt Foy to release debut solo album

BY DEBBIE SAUVE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Sudbury music scene is described as being gritty, unexploited, and as a hub for up-and-coming Canadian bands. It's no doubt local artists that encompass all of these qualities are bred in the heart of the Nickel-City's musical culture: the TowneHouse Tavern.

The tavern is nationally known as being the place where bands go to "cut their teeth". However, for one bartender there, it has been the blood, sweat and tears of his musical passion for over half of his life.

"If it wasn't for this place, I don't think I would have been able to write my own music," said local musician and bartender Matt Foy. "I would have been stuck in a cheesy cover-band somewhere. This place allows you to express your own original music. No one else in town is doing that, they are hiring you on your set list."

"Music in Sudbury is awesome; we have incredible musicians, great songwriters, and an astounding musically creative community here in this city. Sudbury needs to be sought out Sudbury as a musical force. It is better than most cities I have been to."

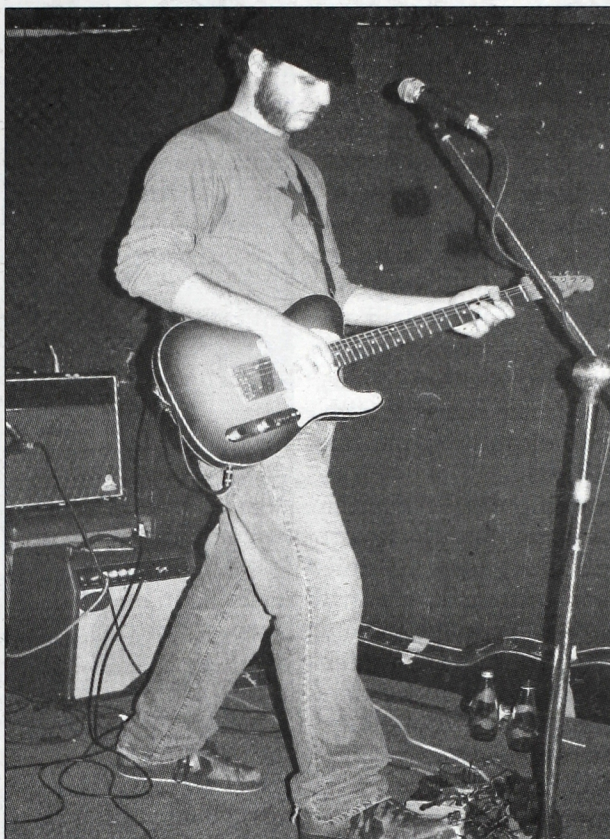
Performing over 1,000 times, Foy has been a regular name on the TowneHouse Calendar for the past 16 years, and has been tending bar there for the past six. During that time, he has had the opportunity to find inspiration, refine his skills, and soon reach his goal of releasing a solo album at the end of the month.

"I have hit a goal right now by finishing this CD, but I hope to continue to learn as much as I possibly can," Foy said. "There's too much out there for one lifetime, so I am going to soak it up as much as I can now."

Foy set the goal to complete this project last Christmas after his wife encouraged him to ask his family to purchase him studio for Christmas. He ended up with four days of time at Easter Island Studio with Billy Bruhmuller, which was enough to complete the entire recording and mixing process.

Foy's self-titled album is slated for release on Dec. 30 at the TowneHouse, where he will be playing with the Bender Brothers, Little Sir Echo, and the Mondo Idols.

"Because the sound on the album is so diverse, on my release night I will feature three different bands, including a bluegrass band, a surf band, and a reggae band," Foy explained. "I



Photos By Debbie Sauve

Matt Foy, shown above, has been working on his solo project for the past five years. The release party for the self-titled album is scheduled for Dec. 30 at the TowneHouse Tavern. Foy says that "everyone of age is welcome."

wanted it to be diverse because I don't like boring albums that sound the same from beginning to end."

As for the studio recording, the music that you hear is all Foy's, which includes the drums, bass, guitar, ukulele, banjo, mandolin, and various percussion instruments.

"This album has been an ongoing love affair for about five years," Foy said with a grin. "I wrote, played and sung everything you will hear. I have done seven other projects over the years with other people, but this is the first time that I decided to do everything myself."

"Although it was great working on this project on my own, it is also a hell of a lot of fun working on music with friends to share the experience."

In total, 21 songs will be featured on the

album, although Foy admitted many were scrapped in the development process. He described the final product as being "absolutely schizophrenic" because of its mix of ska, reggae, surf, metal, salsa, folk, and country-ukulele music.

When writing, Foy said he usually starts with a lyrical idea, then the music follows after. He explained that his creative process has generally been to "force myself, piss myself off, stop - force myself again, piss myself off again, and then five songs just come out of nowhere."

However, now that the writing is done for this album and it is ready for release, he is looking into taking it in on tour sometime in the New Year. In the meantime, as he awaits Dec. 30, he says that he is just as excited for this, as he is terrified, "Music is everything to me."

Angie Nussey's "Paint and Turpentine" wins over critic

BY BEN ROWE
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Hmmm, I thought, another folkie, acoustic female singer/songwriter.

Now, don't get me wrong. There's certainly a great deal of appeal to listening to that kind of music. Ani DiFranco, Fiona Apple, and Canadians Sarah Harmer and Kathleen Edwards all make quality music that is worth listening to, but when Sudbury native Angie Nussey's new album, "Paint and Turpentine," showed up on my desk in the Lambda office, I yawned and rolled my eyes.

It seems like these kinds of artists are becoming a dime-a-dozen, and are getting harder to tell apart from every crappy Avril clone, who are just fakes wanting to hit paydirt with pseudo-angst. It's becoming tedious and mentally exhausting trying to keep track of the newest female rebel do-it-yourselfer.

But wait. Before you do what I did and consign Nussey to the pile of alt-folk music, listen to her newest release, "Paint and Turpentine," and

try not to like it.

I dare you.

What Nussey has created is a layered, textured, wonderfully endearing, frank album that conveys all its ideas and meanings without resorting to clichés. And Nussey shows off a quirky, truly funny sense of humour at a few points on the album, singing about her black futon, her car, her cat and getting hit right square in the eye with a badminton birdie in a grade nine tournament. You can hear Nussey stifling her laughter during "The Futon Song" and "The Badminton Song."

And Nussey doesn't rely solely on the acoustic sound, either. Listen to "Paint and Turpentine" and be pleasantly surprised by all the different sounds, including "Across the Room," a song in which Nussey's strong voice - no joke - sounds like Debbie Harry in a Blondie song. And it's good, too.

Listen more and you'll hear some piano-driven songs and appearances by a wide and eclectic range of instruments, including a mandolin and a saxophone, which

help to make this album diverse, and not just about a girl with a guitar. In fact, Nussey has said that the piano is her first and favourite instrument.

Blessed with a beautiful voice with plenty of range, Nussey lets it all hang out on this album. While hardly unique in examining the topics of life, regrets and love, Nussey puts it down in a matter-of-fact style that is refreshing, while still displaying the potential to become a gifted storyteller. It can be said that she's a little unrefined at this point in her development, but that's part of the appeal of the album. Her ability to speak honestly about her life experiences, without any bullshit or theatrics, is part of what makes "Paint and Turpentine" a breath of fresh air.

In particular, the song "Forbidden Thoughts" gives the listener a promise of this storyteller's future skill. It's a song about a stranger that borrows Nussey's guitar and wows the crowd at one of her shows, and it's told while being accompanied by a beat that screams rock and roll.

This is Nussey's third album, fol-

lowing on the heels of "Circumstantial Overload" in 2001 and 1999's "Here's My Demo."

The Lively, Ontario native grew up in the Sudbury community and nurtured her skills at local venues like the TowneHouse Tavern. She attended Laurentian University, making it to the third year of the Science program before deciding to pursue a career in music - a pursuit that took her to Guelph and then to her current city, Toronto. Nussey returns to the Sudbury area fairly often, performing at local bars and clubs. Her CD release party for "Paint and Turpentine" was held at 100 Georges on November 11.

Nussey's next appearance in Sudbury is December 28, at the TowneHouse. At that point, proof of her burgeoning career will be apparent by the fact she will have played at the Rivoli and the Horseshoe Tavern in Toronto, two popular and key locations for up-and-comers.

I, for one, will be looking forward to hearing what this talented artist is going to create in the future.

STUDENT PROFILE

Laurentian soccer goalie to participate in NATO peacekeeping mission

Laurentian soccer goalie Will Lucia has been defending the Voyageurs net for the past three seasons and has been in his fair share of stressful situations. However, this native of Lennoxville, Quebec will be heading into one of his most challenging roles yet when he travels to Bosnia as a member of the Canadian contingent of peacekeepers.

On March 1, 2005, Will is scheduled to begin his seven month tour of duty overseas. In general, his role will be as a peacekeeper. However, as part of the NATO contingent, he will be working as an overall Liaison Observation second in command to a Major who is in charge of two ten soldier observation teams. Even though Bosnia is considered a war zone, thanks to the many years of NATO involvement the condition of the country is considered to be very stable right now.

"I have been through several years of training that has prepared me for the worst situations I could face," Lucia stated when referring to his concerns about heading into Bosnia. "I have the utmost confidence in that training and my fellow soldiers that we could carry on no matter what the circumstances."

The training Lucia speaks of started in 2001 when he joined the Canadian Armed Forces and was assigned the rank of Officer Cadet with the Sherbrooke Hussars in Quebec. During that summer he went through the Basic Officer Training Plan in Gagetown, New Brunswick. Upon his enrolment at Laurentian University in 2002, Will moved to Sudbury and joined the 2nd Battalion Irish Regiment of Canada. In December of that year, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant and assigned as Platoon Commander. After the completion of his Reserve Platoon Commanders course he was once again promoted, but this time to Lieutenant. In the summer of 2004, Will was the Course Officer for the Soldiers Qualification and Basic Infantry Qualification course ran in Sudbury. Most recently he assumed the role of G Company Commander with the 2nd Battalion Irish Regiment of Canada.

"Initially, I joined the Armed

Forces for the physical and mental challenge, but I also saw the great monetary benefits offered to students and the guaranteed summer employment. I was intrigued by the military lifestyle and in the beginning considered it as a simple summer job. It turned out I was really challenged by it and adopted a great passion for the army," Lucia said.

Will is not the first member of his family to be involved with the military; his grandfather fought with Belgium for the duration of the Second World War.

At the conclusion of Will's tour of duty in Bosnia he plans to return to Laurentian University to continue his studies. It is his hope that he will be able to return as a student athlete and rejoin the Voyageurs soccer team. To return to the role of a student athlete also signifies the return of the juggling act between soccer, the military and academics.

"Soccer and the military require a 100% commitment as they should and therefore renders it impossible to satisfy both. I have to make decisions when to miss soccer for the army and vice versa," Lucia said. "The academics always fall on the back burner whether I try to or not but in the end it all gets done no matter how late I have to stay up. The key factor is that soccer is only a short season and handling the military and academics is hectic but very possible."

If there is one thing that is apparent to anyone who knows Will is that the military has become a big part of his life, and although currently he considers his military career as a hobby and a support for school and future endeavours it will continue to be a part of his life for a long time.

"I have seen and experienced the regular force military lifestyle and at the moment don't find it very appealing," Lucia stated when asked about his future in the army. "The Reserves is optimal for keeping a steady source of income throughout my life while allowing me to partake in a normal civilian lifestyle. I truly hope my military career continues to afford me the great experiences and opportunity for training throughout the rest of my life."

"Aside from my parents, the



WILL LUCIA

army is probably what I thank the most for whom and what I am today. It has offered me discipline and organization that is rarely seen in normally society. It has also challenged me both to become physically stronger and more confident," stated Lucia when asked about how his role in the military has impacted him. "It has taught me time management which is crucial with my academics and busy schedule and has kept me physically fit which aids me greatly in soccer. The most notable benefit is that it has trained me as a leader and has developed my management skills that I will be able to use throughout my life."

The native of Lennoxville, Quebec is the youngest son of Howard and Jan Lucia. Will has one sibling Adrienne and a brother-in-law Remy. He currently lives with

his girlfriend Tracy while they both attend Laurentian University. When Will heads overseas he will do so with the support of his family, friends and the University community.

"In a day and age that is filled with so much political turmoil, it is greatly encouraging to see a young man like Will showing so much ambition and courage to be involved in something that will benefit people on the other side of the world," stated Peter Hellstrom, Laurentian University's Director of Athletics. "It is gratifying to me to see a student athlete give back to the community. In this case, Will is going well beyond the community and has volunteered to be a part of something that will impact the entire world. To me that is commendable."

LAMBDA FUNNIEST PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS

Lambda will be publishing the results of the first-ever Lambda Funniest Photo Contest in the January 13 edition of the paper.

Winners will be able to claim their prizes in the SGA office on that day.

Lambda wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season

OPINION

Doc talks hockey for LOCS

BY JOHN LIVINGSTONE
LAMBDA COLUMNIST

Ahoy all! Time for another LOCS-tastic article! Not much to mention this time beyond hockey. The players and the owners still can't decide who gets to screw us over the most by taking the largest chunk of our money. And, apparently, I'm still bitter that a pissing contest between a bunch of whiny rich brats continues to keep hockey off the air.

Oh well, I guess I'll just have to make do with LOCS hockey. The last night of pick-up for this semester is this Tuesday, which is the seventh. As an added bonus to all the fans of Making The Cut out there, we will be drafting a team for the LOCS Hockey Tourney based on people's performance at pick-up hockey.

So the seventh will be your last chance to impress Amanda "Scotty Bowman" Harrison and Jenna "Mike Keenan" Baynham with your on ice talents. If you can't make it to the games but have been turning up regularly, don't worry; selections for the team will be made based on people's performance all semester, not just attendance on the seventh.

If you're interested in joining us

for a game of pick-up but haven't signed up yet, you can drop us a line here: locs@laurentian.ca. For anyone who is more interested in putting a full team in the annual LOCS Hockey tournament, which by the way is Jan. 29 - 30, get your teams registered soon as spots are going quite fast. We're guaranteeing each team at least three games, but if you want any more information than that you'll have to drop by the LOCS office; we're located within the SGA office.

By now our three-on-three basketball tourney is complete and I just want to extend my congratulations to the winning team. Unfortunately, I don't know who won as the tournament had not finished by press time. Wow, press time, I feel like a real reporter. I should get one of those hats with a press card, which would be awesome.

Something that isn't so awesome; having more staff in the pub than patrons. I was there last Wednesday and no one showed up. And I do mean no one. Apparently, when it snows people lock their door and refuse to come out. The only thing that made my time there bearable was Moose's crazy walkie-talkies. I'm sure I had the same ones

when I was in grade five. I'm not saying they're huge but I was afraid you would be so top heavy that if you leaned over too far you would fall down.

In other random Pub news; Golden Tee is gone so I'll have to start bringing real clubs Downunder. If not a full set, at least a sand wedge.

Mmmm, sandwich, I wish the Pub still served food. And by food I mean something edible, not the plastic nacho cheese, thanks. It seems I'm complaining a lot about the Pub, which isn't really fair as it is by far my favorite place to hang out on campus. Well, unless I need a nap. In which case I go to the Brenda Wallace Reading room. If only there was some way for me to combine my love of hanging out Downunder with my love of winning mountain bikes. Then my pub experience would be perfect and I would consider it a superior place to hangout in than the library's nap room.

As I can't recall whether this is the last issue of Lambda for the semester or if there is one more, I suppose I should extend the Holiday greetings of LOCS council on now just to be safe. So, Happy Holidays and have a great New Years; have fun and stay safe.

Speaking of the New Year, I will be writing about bus etiquette in one of my articles next semester. By this, of course, I mean I will be ranting about the types of people who annoy me on the bus. I'd like to encourage anyone who has a story or observation about taking the bus in Sudbury that wants to share it, to e-mail me here jx_livingstone@laurentian.ca.

Everyone get your hate on for Sudbury transit, I know that isn't hard to do. I just mention it to some people and they begin frothing at the mouth. I'll leave the issue at that. I loves me puns!

Thump, thump End Transmission,

Doc

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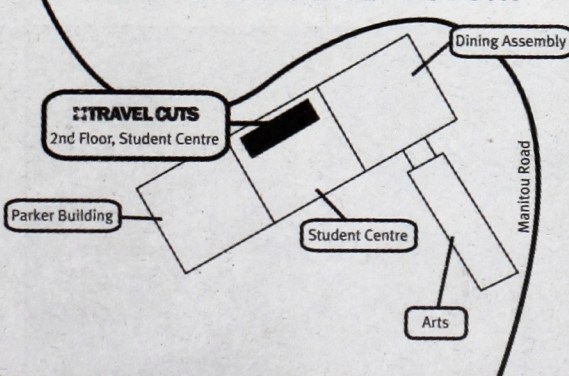
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LAMBDA LAUGHS

Last minute Chirstmas gifts made easy *For the holiday procrastinator*

BY: TARYN GREEN
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

It's 7 pm on Dec. 23 and you just started writing your last exam. In fact, you have been writing an exam almost every second day for the past two weeks, not to mention the studying, the essay writing and working at the mini-mart down the street.

As you finish your exam and look ahead to tomorrow, you realize it will be Christmas Eve and you haven't bought a single gift for anyone.

Then you wake up and realize it was all a dream. Well, it is all a dream except for all the schoolwork that really does need to be done, but because you have this article to read, you will be better prepared to go last minute shopping.

First, fully equip yourself if you are going to venture out on Christmas Eve. Make sure to wear full hockey equipment for protection: commercialization and consumerism can become quite feisty at this time of the year. It might be wise to walk to the mall since good odds are you will get there faster than driving and trying to find a parking spot.

Go on to pick one store and buy everything there so that way you are saving time, being efficient, and don't have to argue with the traffic. A department store would be a perfect choice, however, an LCBO may cause problems when buying a present for your twelve-year-old brother or sister. And always remember, as you make your way through the crowds, stick out your elbows and lift your feet.

For all of you students that are returning to your hometown for the holidays, here are some last minute gift ideas that will help you and your loved ones to enjoy a little piece of your home away from home.

Laurentian Gifts

- Why not pick up an extra copy of this Lambda; I'm sure your grandfather would love to read it over his morning coffee and pipe while realizing how university life has changed since he was a wee youngster. Lambda is free, so it fits nicely into your budget!

- Some packets of salad dressing for your mom's Christmas salad from Aramark Foods, since each small packet only costs 25 cents.

- I'm sure your parents would love the Laurentian Mom/Dad sweaters from the LU Bookstore. Also, a bookmark: you can't go wrong with bookmarks! Even a gift certificate for your friends, which will help them out when buying their second term books. However, maybe you should be helping yourself out first in that department!

- Kraft Dinner and a bottle of beer for your rez-mates. What university student doesn't need these two essential food groups to keep them energized?

- How about a MLA Handbook for a friend doing a Humanity/Arts undergrad? Perfect MLA equals happy Profs!

Sudbury Souvenirs

- One of the many rocks from Sudbury's vast collection could serve as a great paperweight for your father's desk at work.

- A nickel. Sure it is only a small replica of the giant one that towers over the city, but I am sure your little cousins will make good

use of it to buy themselves one of those 5 cent candies from the convenience store.

- A pylon from one of Sudbury's many construction sites: your grandma has been wanting a lamp shade for quite some time now and a pylon would match perfectly with her bright orange couch.

- Some of that INCO slag will look great in the bottom of your sister's fish bowl.

- A glass bottle full of toxic Sudbury air would look nice on the fireplace mantle; make sure to put a nice read bow around it for decoration.

- Make a wreath from a few branches of pine trees to prove to your family that Sudbury has made a lot of progress in the re-greening of its' landscape.

- A gift certificate from Tim Horton's, you won't have to travel too far for one of those.

In all seriousness, the real gifts you will bring home from Laurentian and Sudbury are the memories. However, in case your family doesn't believe you, take some pointers from the lists above!

But if your budget allows for a little more this year, here are some reasonable last minute gifts that actually make some sense and that any receiver would love.

Other Ideas

- Gift certificates are always a guaranteed favourite. Take into consideration who you are buying for and what they enjoy doing. Gift certificates/cards from places like the mall, restaurants, LCBO/Beer Store, Movie Theatres, Blockbuster (free movie rentals makes life a lot easier!), Staples, Chapters, and Music World.

- Flower arrangements and/or a box of chocolates.

- Alcohol.

- Socks, pyjamas, slippers, scarves, mitts, hats.

- Magazine subscriptions.

- Bake some of your favourite cookies and give them out to your friends.

- Blank VHS and cassette tapes, as well as burnable CD's for those who like to record everything.

- Photo album, picture frame and a disposable camera (or film) and give all three as a "memory" package.

- Calendars.

- Board games.

- A food/gift basket. You can pick what you want in it and they do the wrapping for you.

- A Christmas ornament.

- Give the gift of memories; plan a Christmas dinner or a party with friends or family. These gifts are priceless.

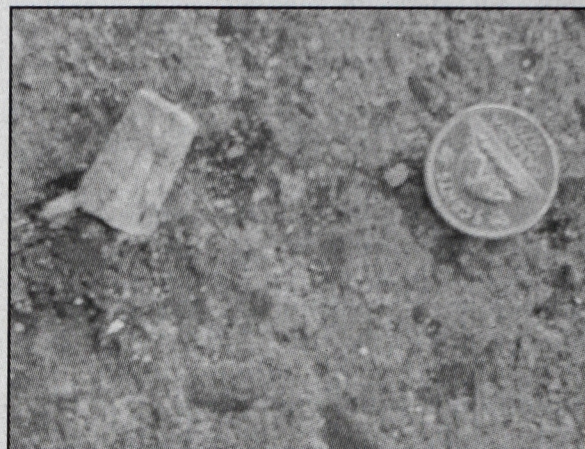
- Or just be creative! Write a short, humorous story involving you and the receiver of the gift, and use some pictures. They will admire the thought put into making it and it will surely be a nice keepsake.

Whatever the gift may be, as long as it is given from the heart, it will be loved and appreciated. However, if it really gets down to the last minute, it is all about utility: toothpaste, toilet paper, mouth wash, dish soap, etc

So good luck with the shopping this Christmas season and remember to have a safe and very Merry Christmas.

Happy Shopping!

SOME IDEAS ARE...



Found a nickel on the sidewalk? Why not give one as a Christmas gift? It makes a great miniaturized replica of the Big Nickel.



Pylons makes for great lamp shades, and they even match Grandma's bright orange couch.



Mom's Christmas salad will taste even better with these affordable salad dressings from Aramark.



Rocks make for a great paperweight for Dad's desk-top, and they are easy to find in the Sudbury area.

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LAMBDA LAUGHS

The Department of Party Science

Sample Course Catalog for the Department of Party Science:

PRTS 101: Beerology [4 credits]

Beer is often the single most important element of a party. This course will focus on the differences between light and dark beers, porters, stouts, ales, etc. Grades will be determined by measuring the size of your beer gut before and after the semester, with guys being awarded points for every half inch added, and girls being deducted for same.

PRTS 123: Computer Applications for Parties [3 credits]

A comprehensive study of MP3 management and an introduction to email and hacking (see PRTS 303 below). Labs will place heavy emphasis on learning how to enqueue songs into Winamp without deleting the entire playlist.

PRTS 202: Basic Liquor Analysis [3 credits]

An in-depth examination of fundamental liquors such as tequilas, rums, vodkas, etc. with an emphasis on taste, history, and ingredients in each. Class will be held at an actual bar for convenience. Students will be required to screw an unattractive member of the opposite sex and pass out at least once for a satisfactory grade.

PRTS 205: Basic Music Selection [4 credits]

A survey of modern and classic music styles and their applications to party situations. Rock, rap, hip-hop, alternative and pretty much anything without the words "Clay" or "Aiken" will be discussed. A certified DJ will lead the class in introductory spinning exercises just for the hell of it. Possession and use of one ounce or less of marijuana is permitted during music labs.

PRTS 302: Liquor Mixology [3 credits]

The lab work provided in Mixology will give you the knowledge and confidence to mix drinks and make hairy buff at your next party. Final project will be making a drink that includes all of the following words: "sex," "screw," "sloe," "eraser," "against the wall," "violent," "beach," and "orgasm."

PRTS 303: Party Promotion and Recruitment [3 credits]

It can't be a good party if that hot little freshman with the peg leg and the crossed eye doesn't know about it. This course focuses on party advertising and guest selection. Topics will include flyer creation and placement, as



well as dormitory and sorority location review (for easy access to a lot of guests and because I wanna know where the Tri-Delts live). Other topics will include abusing university mail servers and online conference groups to send out mass emails anonymously.

Prerequisite: PRTS 123 - Computer Applications for Parties

PRTS 308: Gender Awareness, Selection and Effects [4 Credits]

Gender ratios are a key to any good party. This course teaches selection of males and females for use as party guests. Topics included will be sausage fests, tool sheds, fish farms, and

meat markets. Course will be case-based to examine the effects of poor gender awareness on the amount of trim at your parties.

PRTS 315: Theme Selection [3 credits]

Themes are a common occurrence at parties and this course covers the principles of planning, selecting and carrying out a theme-based party without coming across as a tool. Topics covered will include Hawaiian parties, Mardi Gras parties, Pimps and Hoes parties, 40's and Shorties, and XXX parties. Piñatas will not be covered. Midgets probably will be.

PRTS 388: Contemporary Topics for Modern Partying [3 credits]

I don't know what they'd teach here. The name sounds cool and my course book showed that pretty much all majors have a class like this.

PRTS 401: Legal and Ethical Environment of Partying [3 credits]

How to not get busted and stuff. Course will include a timed quarter-mile run every week, with a cumulative final run carrying a keg.

PRTS 415: Senior Forum on Party Management [2 credits]

This course is a capstone course that will utilize everything you have learned to this point. Senior Forum will be structured around planning and implementing a real world party. Grades will be awarded based on the number of people who attend, hookups occurring during the event, and freshman passed out in the same bathroom afterwards. Actually, I just like that one for the ensuing conversation:

"Time to haul the freshmen out of the bathroom."

"But I did it last time!"

"Dude, I bought the kegs. And I already cleaned up all the cups out of the yard."

"But look at that girl! She must weigh 250 pounds."

"And the neighbor's yard."

"Dammit!"

The only downside to the Party Sci department: Should you successfully complete an undergraduate program in Party Science, your degree is immediately worthless. Unless you come back as a Party Sci professor. But something tells me you're going to have a lot of job competition.

Now go out and earn your degrees!

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Chuckle of the Week

"Now they show you how detergents take out bloodstains, a pretty violent image there. I think if you've got a T-shirt with a bloodstain all over it, maybe laundry isn't your biggest problem. Maybe you should get rid of the body before you do the wash."

- Jerry Seinfeld

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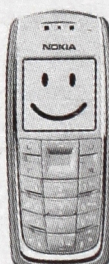
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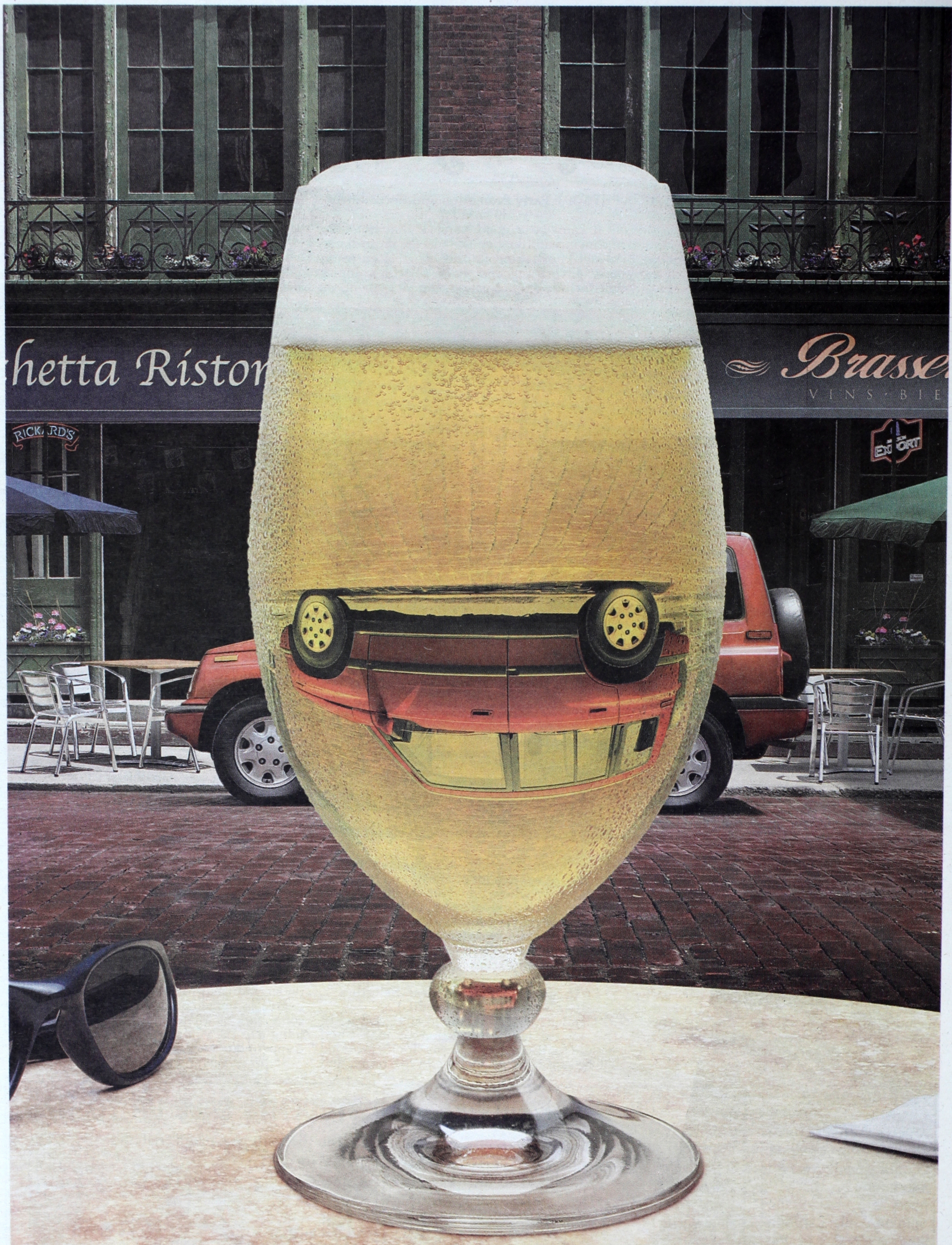
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